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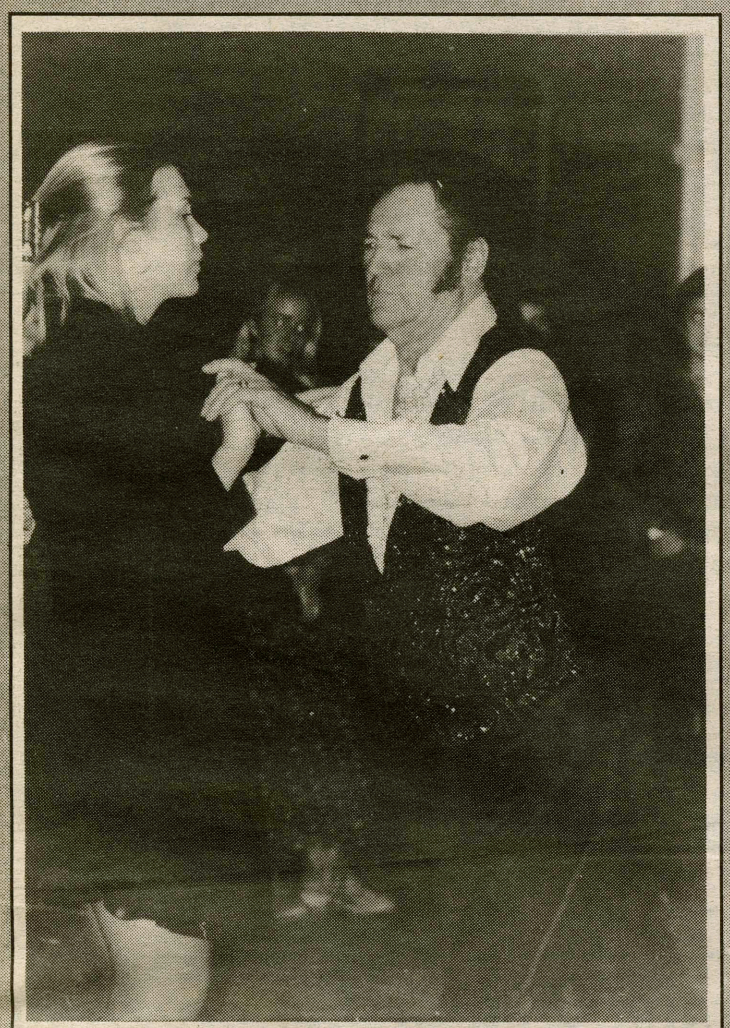

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Kim Miller '97 and teacher Edward practice the steps of ballroom dancing in the Long Room at the Better Education Today Association.

Former Surgeon General Elders to give Black History Month address

By Aaron Armstrong '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Director of Multicultural Affairs Kerry Sethi has scheduled former Surgeon General Dr. Jocelyn Elders to replace United States Astronaut Mae Jemison as Hamilton's Black History Month keynote speaker.

Jemison had planned to speak on Wednesday, but scheduling inconveniences and illness caused her to cancel the engagement.

Dr. Elders is one of the most prominent and publicly recognized African-Americans in the United States, if not in our global community, according to Sethi. The story behind Elder's rise to her medical pinnacle is as impressive as her current successes, he added.

The eldest of eight children, Elders never saw a actual physician until her first year in college. At the age of 15, she received a scholarship from the United Methodist Church to attend the Philander-Smith College in Little Rock, AK.

At 18, Elders graduated college and decided to help her nation by joining the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant. In the Army, Elders received many skills that would help her in her future studies such as training as a physical therapist.

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Dr. Jocelyn Elders will speak in the Chapel on February 26.

'Milagro' author Nichols '62 returns to Hill

From Spectator Staff Reports

Internationally acclaimed novelist John Nichols will discuss "What is a Naturalist anyway?" on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus center. He will also present a reading of his work on Friday, Feb. 21, at 4:15 in Cafe Opus, and an informal discussion, "Reflections on Hamilton Past and Present" on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in The Little Pub. All events are free and open to the public.

A 1962 graduate of Hamilton, Nichols achieved acclaim world-wide with the publication of his novel *The Sterile Cuckoo* in 1964. His other novels include *The Wizard of Lonliness* and his most popular work *The Milagro Beanfield War*, a story of the struggles of poor chicanos to preserve their land and rights against powerful business interests.

Nichols settled in New Mexico in the late 1960s. Since then, he has written several books on the life of Modern New Mexicans. In addition to his works of fiction, he has also published several non-fiction books. He wrote the text for *If Mountains Die* and *The Last Beautiful Days of Autumn*, two books of photography on New Mexico. He is a popular essayist and a highly regarded public speaker, as well.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN NICHOLS

John Nichols '62 wrote *The Milagro Beanfield War.*

Although each of his books has a different emphasis, he said that, "they all deal with questions of land, cultural ethics, problems of ecology, economics, history and human survival." His most recent work, *Keep it Simple: In Defense of the Earth,* is an essay on the need for simplicity as a prerequisite not only for the health of the self, but also for the planet.

Three of Nichols' novels have been made into major motion pictures. Public showings of his films will be held in conjunction with his visit. *The Sterile Cuckoo* and *The Wizard of Lonliness* will be shown as a double feature on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirner-Johnson Red Pit. *The Milagro Beanfield War* will be shown on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kirner Johnson Red Pit. Admission is free and open to the public.

Select juniors offered Fellowships in English

By Ilko Menkov '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dean of the Faculty Bobby Fong and Professor John H. O'Neill of the English Department invited the class of 1998 last week to consider applying for Senior Fellowships, the prestigious awards given annually to highly motivated students.

Every year the Faculty and the Board of Trustees select no more than seven juniors to be Senior Fellows during the following year. The program gives Senior Fellows the opportunity to pursue a personal project independent of the conventional College curriculum.

"Students are permitted as much freedom as they are capable of using profitably within the framework, but not necessarily the conventional curriculum, of the College," said O'Neill, who is also Director of the Senior Fellowship Program, in a memo distributed to the junior class. "Having a successful Senior Fellowship Program is of great importance to the College."

The program is designed to nominate distinguished students who wish to spend their last year at Hamilton working on an academic project of special interest, but which cannot be accomplished within the limits of the College curriculum.

Fellows are required to have completed 24 credits before they start their fellowship work. They must have completed all coursework requirements, includ-

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Kirkland Project seeks gender equilibrium among students, staff

By Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

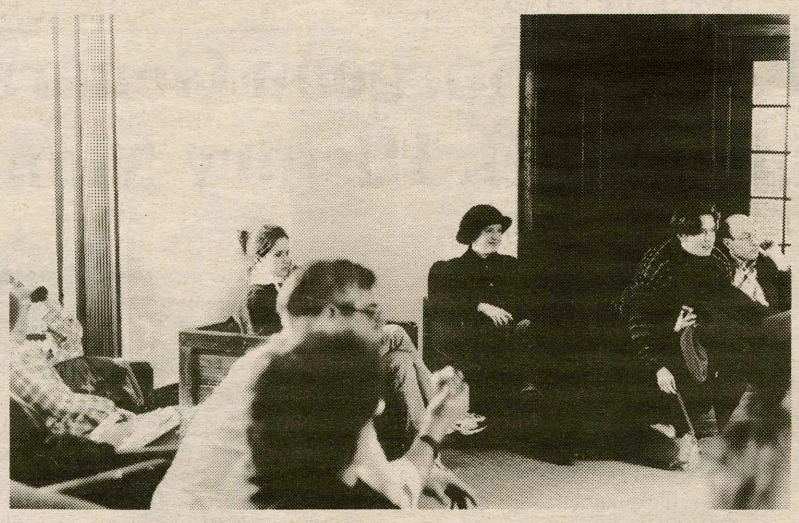
Ongoing deliberation of the quest for gender equilibrium among all students and faculty in the classroom took place on Wednesday in an event sponsored by the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture.

The topics highlighted included curriculum revision, students' identity, and classroom authority. A similar study, conducted in 1994, sought to seriously understand the different educational needs of students.

These different" students may be of different ages, sex or race. Nancy Rabinowitz of the Comparative Literature Department called this study "a jumping off point for defining feminist pedagogy perspectives."

"Are gender matters and authenticity really problematic for someone whose background conflicts with the majority?" asked many of the faculty members present.

The question of how to allow a wide variety of issues to be analyzed and discussed in the classroom became the focal point of the discussion. This issue is almost entirely reflective of student responses. Depending on the students' respect for unique cultures, the voice and mood of the classroom setting is determined by their willingness to accept others beliefs and values.



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Students and faculty participated in the Brown Bag Lunch.

Although it is recognized that both students and faculty do show tolerance for the varying voices present in the classroom, the teacher's role in the classroom is twofold. The primary role is to instruct and to educate their pupils as well as to maintain stability and comfort.

Student interaction of students is also expected in order to maintain an agreeable level of discussion and free discourse. If students are uninvolved and apathetic in asserting themselves and their own individual voices, they are unconsciously giving up their right to be heard.

Faculty in general have said that it is crucial to avoid taking strong stands in the beginning of the semester. This methodology is a strategy used to convince students of the importance of voicing their opinions and ultimately over time, speaking becomes a comfortable tool in the facilitation of learning.

The professor takes off his or her "ideological cloak" in an effort to become neutral and objective listeners of their students' voice and opinions, according to Rabinowitz. They do not wish to be seen as authoritative figures who determine the right and the wrong answers to issues. Their goal is to serve as facilitators of ideas and thoughts.

This initial adjustment is crucial in achieving a mutual understanding of the unconditional respect that will remain in the classroom as varying opinions are spoken and debated, she said. The main goal of Hamilton professors is to make students challenge one another so that some of this pressure can be shifted from the teacher to the student.

Elders replaces U.S. Astronaut Jemison as keynote speaker

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With help from the G.I. Bill, Elders was able to attend the University of Arkansas Medical School and graduated in 1960. She then interned at the University of Minnesota Hospital and completed a endocrinology fellowship at the University of Arkansas Medical Center soon after. In 1976, Elders competed her academic mastery and became fully certified professor. She also holds a master of science degree in biochemistry.

After many years of helping others, Elders was appointed as Director of the Arkansas Department of Health in October 1987. In addition, while serving in this position, she was elected president of the Association of the State and Territorial Health Officers.

In July of 1993, Elders was nominated as Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service by newly elected President Bill Clinton. She was confirmed by the Senate on September 7 and was sworn in the next day. In its 123 year history, Elders was only the second woman to hold the post. As Surgeon General, Elders directed a 6,000 member corps of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and scientists, all responsible for our nation's health.

Upon the Senate hearing for her confirmation, Elders stated " I want to change the way we think about health by putting prevention first. I want to be the voice and vision of the poor and the powerless. I want to change concern about social problems that affect health into commitment. I would like to make every child born in American a wanted child."

Elders' list of concerns for the American public's welfare is lengthy. She believes that violence, sexually transmitted diseases, poverty, and substance abuse are the biggest threats to the health and well-being of our children.

In addition to giving many appearances and speeches, Elders now teaches and researches current pressing medical issues at the University of Arkansas Medical School.

February is Black History Month, and African-American and other minority groups on the hill are in the middle of organizing many lectures, performances and events to present to the Hamilton community throughout the upcoming month. The Men of Color Conference was already held in the beginning of the month and featured George Strait of ABC News as a key lecturer.

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NEWS BRIEFS
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McAllister's column published

A column written by Dan McAllister '99, letters and op-ed editor for *The Spectator*, which appeared in the March 1, 1996 issue, is included in the book *America Now: Short Readings from Recent Periodicals*. The column, titled "A Misguided Policy," appeared in the "Pro/Con" feature and dealt with the problems of affirmative action.

Not only is the piece featured in the book, but readers are asked a series of questions by the author which examine McAllister's writing style and the validity of his statements.

"I was glad to finally see the article in print," McAllister said, "but I didn't expect that readers would be asked to dissect my entire argument." McAllister's piece had been requested last spring.

McAllister also appeared on WHCL in an on-air debate of affirmative action with Ralph Allen '97, who wrote the opposing piece.

Student Assembly posts office hours

Student Assembly President Sue Greenspan '99 has established office hours for all Student Assembly executive officers, class presidents, and SA project team heads. Students are encouraged to come and express their ideas to their representatives. The schedule is as follows:

Susan Greenspan, SA President	Thurs., 3-4 p.m.
Yungjin Oh, SA Vice President	Fri., 1-2 p.m.
Danielle Roberts, SA Treasurer	Tues. 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thurs. 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Amy Smith, SA Secretary	Thurs. 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Chris Toomey, Class of '97 President	Wed., 2-3 p.m.
Jack Spangler, Class of '00 President and Social Issues team head	Mon., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
John Fantauzzi, Campus Safety team head	Mon., 1-2 p.m.
Rob Singer, Vendacard team head	Wed., 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Chris Plecs, CCC	Mon., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Senior Fellowship program expands for new members

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ing writing intensive courses and diversity and ethical issues. During their senior year, fellows may take as many courses as their advisors and the Academic Council prescribe.

Fellows are not required to complete a concentration, but they may choose to do so if they wish. Essentially, their fellowship work can be counted as up to eight credits toward their Bachelor of Arts.

The Senior Fellowship Program is supervised by the Academic Council. Fellows usually work with a principal advisor and a co-advisor to create a final written project. The written project has to be examined by a board of three examiners, who evaluate the student's work together with the personal advisors.

Every student must present his or her project to the College community. Upon successful completion of the project, the names of the fellows and their theses will appear in the Commencement Program.

Marc Campbell '97, Rebecca Pierce '97, and Leandre Waldo '97 are currently Senior Fellows. Campbell is working on a project entitled "The Conceptual Significance of a New Relationship Schema Activation Methodology." His advisors are Assistant Professors of Psychology Gregory Pierce and Penny Yee.

Pierce, whose work in Colombia was described in the last issue of *The Spectator*, works on "The Evangelical Poor in Bogota, Colombia." Waldo's project "A Reconsideration of the Battered Woman Syndrome: Sociological, Psychological and Legal Implications" examines a problem that has ignited intense debate in both legal and feminist circles.

"The present project focuses on the reinforcement of women's victimization through the use of the syndrome [Battered Woman Syndrome], and suggests alternatives for conceptualizing battered women's experiences and behavior in light of their roles as active survivors", Leandre said.

Presently, Leandre is not taking any classes and is working on the presentation of her project. She says that the most difficult part of the project is the self-discipline one has to impose on oneself. It is hard to concentrate on one issue for such a long time and not lose interaction with students, according to Leandre.

She is grateful to Margaret Gentry, Associate Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies, Carol Drogus, Associate Professor of Government, and Gwendolyn Dordick, Assistant Professor of Sociology, who are her advisors and have helped her a great deal with her project. As a Senior Fellow, Leandre finds the program important and rewarding and encourages all students who are interested to apply for a fellowship.

Members of the junior class are welcome to apply for Senior Fellowships. They can send personal applications or be nominated by a faculty member. All materials related to one's application should be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty no later than Friday, April 4, 1997. More information about the program is available from Professor J. O'Neill.

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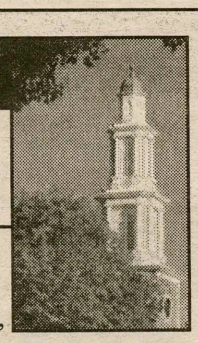

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY AARON ARMSTRONG '00

Neb.-Omaha party busted

At the University of Nebraska at Omaha, local Police entered a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity party just after midnight Saturday, ticketing 65 party-goers with minor-in-possession charges, according to police reports. Police entered the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house at 3301 Harney Street. In addition to the minor-in-possession allegations, the president of the fraternity, Bradley Eiser, was ticketed on suspicion of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The Registrar's Office said that Eiser is not currently a registered UNO student. This is the second time in the last three months that UNO fraternities have been subject to police action. In both instances, police alleged that large numbers of underage students were drinking. The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity was visited by police during a party on Nov. 30, 1996. 22 minor-in-possession charges were issued in addition to citations for selling liquor without a license and selling liquor to minors, and another for possession of drug paraphernalia. 15 of the citations received at the Tau Kappa Epsilon party were given to UNO students. However, Barbara Treadway, Greek advisor for UNO student organizations, confirmed that neither incident has sparked new policies for dealing with misconduct issues. "Nothing has really changed as far as implementing new policies," she said. As far as the arrests made at the Sigma Phi Epsilon party, Treadway provided no information. "We don't have all the information yet, so I don't have any comment."

Colby students arrested for theft

Four Colby first-year students were charged with theft after stealing holiday decorations from two local businesses last week. Christopher Tracy, Matthew Smith, Mark Edgar and Brendan McGillick were charged last week with stealing holiday decorations from Kim's Wrecker Service and an Agway store, both in Winslow, ME, according to Lieutenant Richard Grindall of the Winslow Police Department. Sergeant Joseph Shepard of the Waterville Police Department said in a telephone interview that the students were charged with theft early December 5, and that further charges related to theft were handled by Winslow police later that day. The students were stopped by Waterville Police early Thursday morning after taking the decorations late Wednesday night. The students were apprehended on Water Street in Waterville. The Agway store is pressing charges for decorations valued at approximately $180, according to Grindall. The items taken from the two businesses included three wreaths, a snowman, two plywood cutouts of gingerbread men and a Santa Claus flag. In a meeting on Saturday, the freshmen, who were all members of the Colby football team this fall, expressed concern that people would see this as a form of hazing related to the team. They said they acted on their own volition, without any relation to Colby athletics or fellow team members. The students also said they regretted their actions.

Student death at Penn St. forces students to rethink their party behavior

Police have not said alcohol was the cause. The district attorney has not said he is going to pursue charges against those who threw the party. But in the wake of a tragedy, many students have said they are going to change their partying practices this weekend. Since 20-year-old University junior Leigh Prevatte fell to her death from an open Alexander Court window last weekend, some students have rethought their weekend behavior. "When something like that happens it sort of shakes everyone up," said Greg Litcofsky (junior-history). "It makes you remember that you need to be extra careful when you're drinking." For many, the hardship of last weekend will serve as a reminder that they may not be that far removed from a potential accident. "I'll be watching out for my friends to make sure they don't get out of control," said Sean Barnak, a senior in mechanical engineering. In the future, safety precautions will be a number-one priority when Scott Jaworski throws a party at his apartment. Jaworski, a junior in marketing, said he will take whatever measures are necessary to try to prevent accidents. "I'll try to keep people off the balcony as much as possible," he said. "I think we can all take precautions." Using caution when providing alcohol to those under 21 is also on some students' minds. Although toxicology reports are not yet completed, witnesses have told police Prevatte had been drinking the night of the accident. Prevatte was only six months shy of the legal drinking age when she died. Those six months have landed the people who allegedly provided alcohol during the party at the apartment from which she fell in potential legal trouble.

WORLD NEWS

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Top N. Korean official defects to South

BEIJING, China — Unarmed Chinese police Thursday ringed the South Korean consulate where North Koreans have stood vigil since Hwang Jang Yop, top official from the North sought asylum there. Hwang, 72, was traveling through Beijing on his way home from a North Korean-sponsored international seminar in Japan. Instead of going to the airport, Hwang and an aide defected to the South Korean consulate in Beijing. When North Korean "hitmen" tried to force their way into the South Korean consulate, South Korea requested that China guard the building. China complied. Hwang — a member of the Central Committee of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party and the highest-ranking official ever to flee the communist North — asked for asylum at the embassy. Hwang is also a leading theoretician behind the philosophy of "juche," the principle of self reliance that has helped keep North Korea isolated economically for years. Under a 1978 treaty, China is required to return any North Koreans found in China without visas or other valid travel documents. That presumably would not apply to Hwang and his aide. China, caught between its longtime loyalties to communist North Korea and its new economic ties with the rival government in the South, called for calm. (Associated Press)

Banks to return money of victims

BERN, Switzerland — The Swiss government formally agreed Wednesday to set up a special fund to compensate victims of the Holocaust. The decision follows an announcement by Switzerland's three biggest banks last week to contribute $71 million to such a fund. Foreign Minister Flavio Cotti said that the Swiss government would set up and manage the fund, but will not contribute any money to it. Instead, banks will provide the initial contributions and the fund willbe open to others. Cotti said it was most likely that the fund would be used to support humanitarian projects to aid destitute Holocaust survivors and their offspring. The compensation effort is the product of eighteen months of embarrassing controversy surrounding the refusal of many Swiss banks to release assets held by Jews who died in the Holocaust. The Jewish community demanded the return of the money, but the Swiss banks and government refused, prompting threats of international boycotts. (Associated Press)

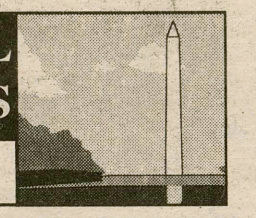
'Iranian Connection' hampers U.S. embargo effort

MANAMA, Bahrain — Skirting Iran's Persian Gulf coast, tankers are smuggling tens of thousands of tons of fuel oil out of Iraq in violation of U.N. sanctions, a U.S. admiral said Tuesday. The embargo-busters and their Iranian protectors have had two confrontations with the U.S. Navy in the past two weeks. In one unpublicized showdown, an unidentified tugboat rammed a U.S. frigate. "Our indications are that this is a rather sophisticated effort, centrally controlled within Iran," said a Navy official. The "Iran connection" is one visible sign of cooperation between Iran and Iraq, two countries that recently fought a bloody war and remain rivals. Working against a common enemy, they are trying to foil American efforts to enforce U.N. trade sanctions on Iraq. U.S. officials emphasize that the motive for Iranian cooperation with Iraq is based on economics, not ideology. (CNN)

Ecuador's Congress elects own president

QUITO, Ecuador — Congress selected its own leader, Fabian Alarcon, as Ecuador's interim president Tuesday night in the latest act in a weeklong political drama following the ousting of the country's elected leader. Alarcon was chosen by a vote of 57-2 to replace caretaker president Rosalia Arteaga, who resigned earlier Tuesday after threatening not to leave the post. Before resigning, she issued a decree calling for a national referendum on whether the country's vice president—the spot she occupied before being elevated by Congress Sunday—should succeed the president if the position becomes vacant. "I will return to the presidency of the republic only if that is the determination of the referendum," said Arteaga. Meanwhile, Abdala Bucaram, sacked as president last week by Congress, left the country Tuesday to spread the word that "a civilian dictatorship has been imposed." (Associated Press)

NATIONAL NEWS



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Hubble Telescope gets $300 million tune-up

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, Houston — High over Mexico's southwest coast, an astronaut reached out Thursday with the crane of space shuttle Discovery and deftly plucked the Hubble telescope from its lonely rift through space. Astronaut Steven Hawley then swung the 43-foot-tall telescope over the shuttle's open cargo bay and gingerly lowered it onto a platform where it will undergo four days of component swaps to enhance its already unprecedented performance. Starting Thursday night and continuing each night through Sunday, pairs of spacewalkers will venture into the cargo bay and replace 11 telescope components of 1970s vintage with state-of-the art parts. The new components include two telephone-booth sized $100 million-plus instruments: a near-infrared camera and a two-dimensional imaging spectrograph. Hubble is near the midpoint of its 15-year life, but no crisis brought on the modernization. The new instruments are designed to greatly enhance Hubble's already impressive performance. (Associated Press)

O.J. rejects Goldman's money for confession offer

SANTA MONICA, Calif — O.J. Simpson rejected a challenge from Fred Goldman on Wednesday that would have allowed the former football star to avoid millions in damages if he signed a confession admitting he is a killer. "No matter how much money I am offered, I would never confess to a crime which I did not commit," Simpson said through attorney Phillip Baker. Goldman earlier told The Associated Press in a telephone interview: "I don't want to play games. But if he wanted to sign a confession with all the details of his crime and broadcast it all over the country and publish it all over the nation, I would drop the judgment." The aggrieved father who never accepted Simpson's murder acquittal 16 months ago and doggedly pursued him to civil court added: "All I ever wanted is justice. It's never been an issue about money." Goldman had acknowledged that the chance of Simpson taking him up on the offer was slim to none. If Simpson had accepted Goldman's offer, he could not have been tried again for the killings because of double jeopardy provisions. (Associated Press)

U.S. has highest teen pregnancy rate of industrialized nations

Teen pregnancies are down worldwide but the United States has by far the highest rate of any industrialized nation, according to a report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute. The report, "Risk and Realities of Early Childbearing Worldwide," was to be released Thursday, the day Congress was to consider a proposal by President Clinton to provide more money for family planning programs overseas. The report found a strong correlation between improving educational opportunities for girls and a decline in teen pregnancies in developing countries compared to their mothers' generation. Far fewer girls are becoming mothers before turning 20, especially in Asia, North Africa, the Middle East and parts of Latin America, it said. The report also found that the United States leads the industrialized world in teen pregnancy. Fourteen percent of American girls ages 15-19 gave birth in 1996, double that of first runner-up Britain. (Associated Press)

Airline, pilots continue bargaining

WASHINGTON — American Airlines officials and members of its pilots' union continue around-the-clock bargaining in an attempt to avoid a strike at midnight Friday. Both sides expect the talks to be a marathon of back-and-forth proposals. President Clinton urged both sides to settle their differences. He has given no indication whether he will exercise emergency powers to prevent a walk-out. He was urged to do so by the airline's chief executive officer and by mayors and some members of Congress from areas that would be particularly affected. (AP)

Prosecutors add charge in Cosby case

NEW YORK — Prosecutors added a conspiracy charge Thursday in the $40 million extortion case against a woman claiming to be Bill Cosby's daughter and her alleged accomplice. The new charge was contained in an indictment naming 22-year-old Autumn Jackson and Jose Medina. The two were arrested last month after she and Medina signed what they thought was a $24 million agreement with Cosby's attorneys to keep from telling her story to the tabloids, prosecutors said. Cosby denied that Jackson was his daughter but later told CBS he had an affair with the woman's mother. (AP)

RHC samples student opinion

By Kristen Holderle '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Housing Committee and the Residence Hall Council recently joined forces to address "quality of life" issues inder the auspicies of the new conglomerate, the Resident Hall Council (RHC). The RHC, which plans events and programs for students, is made up of representatives from each hall of the different dormitories in order to get a sampling of student opinions.

Area coordinator for Residence Halls Krista McKechnie is the advisor for RHC, and this semester the two co-chairs are Kat Charles '98 and Liz Jackson '97. One of the council's main functions is to provide funding for events such as the semi-formal that will be taking place for Dunham and North tomorrow.

It has also funded Faculty Appreciation Day, the Student Activity Fair, and various other semi-formal activities that took place last semester. It is also responsible for providing ping pong and pool tables for student entertainment purposes.

One of their main focuses this time of the year is the housing lottery. This is a big deal for students because the lottery decides where they will live the following year. The system works by giving each student a lottery number according to their year. Depending on their numbers, students will choose where on campus they are going to live. In order to sort out the logistics of this operation, RHC has a special housing committee which is run by Andrew Lane '97.

The RHC is concentrating on getting feedback from students about the dining halls. There is a dining hall committee led by Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, director of Residential Life and Joe Cappa, general manager of Bon Appetit, which is designed to learn what students like and dislike about meals and service at campus dining halls.

With this information, Bon Appetit will be able to improve dining hall quality according to student desires. The "Eat at Joe's" campaign has been implemented to gather student input from several dorms.

Other committees have been formed to investigate various campus services, and to come up with alterations or alternatives for the future. The Vending Committee, led by Spencer Mindlin '00 and Erica Dorman '00 will be looking into alternatives for vending services, as well as working with the Business Office to come up with new and different ideas on the matter.

Other possibilities include fall refrigerator and carpet sales, but plans for such activities are still in the making. This semester, one of their first activities is a blood drive which will take place on Tuesday in the Events Barn.

RHC relies heavily on student feedback in order to improve the quality of residential life. As a result, any suggestions or comments that students may have will be welcome. RHC meets on Thursday Nights at 6 p.m. in the Bristol Campus Center's Brown Room, and anybody interested in committing themselves to helping one of the committees is welcome to attend.

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Area coordinators Christa McKechnie and Tim Kress are among the smiling faces in the Residence Hall Council.

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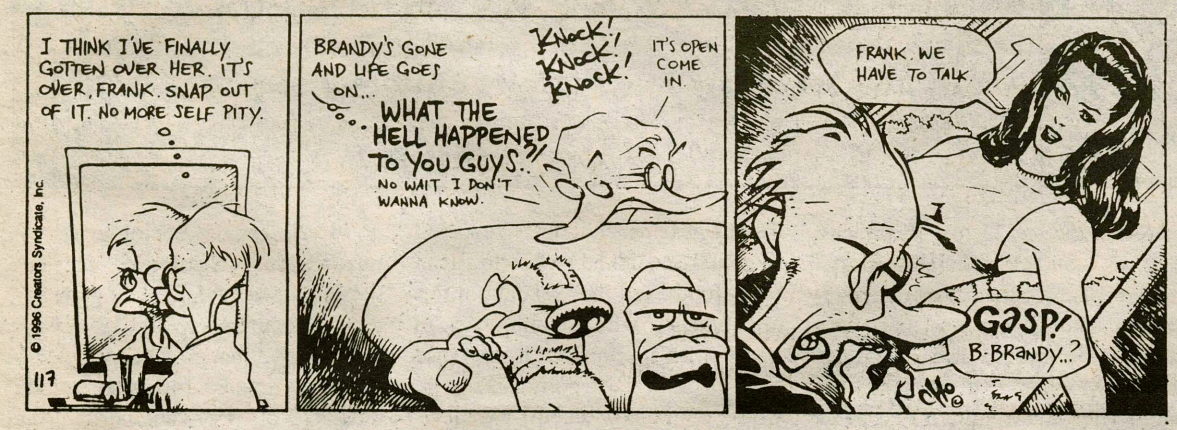
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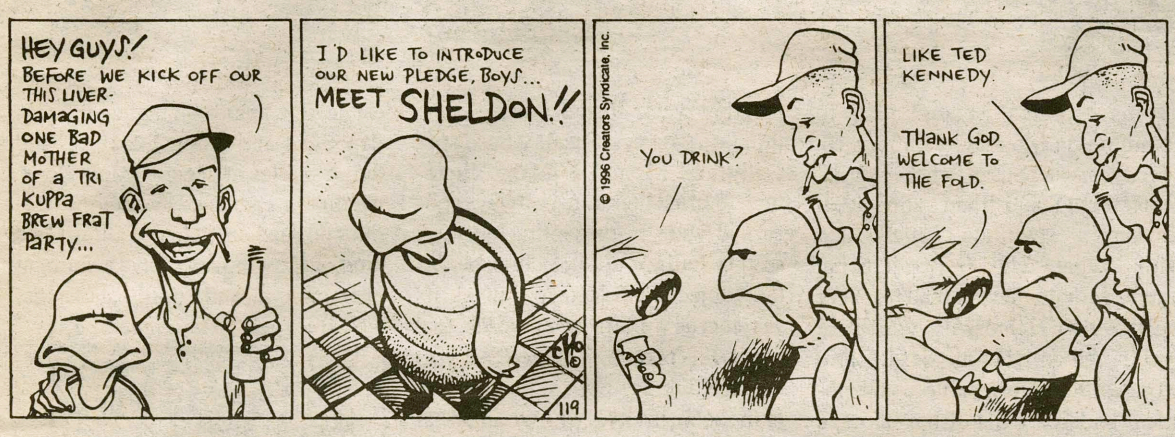
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SECURITY BLOTTER

- compiled by Joe Freeman '00

FEBRUARY 6

12:05 a.m. The intrusion alarm was triggered at Burke Library.
9:45 a.m. A case of larceny was reported in South Court.
1:00 p.m. Security investigated a harassing message written on a door in Dunham.
7:50 p.m. A smoke detector triggered the fire alarm in Milbank.

FEBRUARY 7

12:00 p.m. A motor vehicle accident occurred in the Dunham Parking Lot.
1:15 p.m. Items were reported stolen out of Schambach.

FEBRUARY 8

9:23 p.m. A malfunction caused the fire alarm to go off at ABC House.
9:55 p.m. A smoke detector triggered the fire alarm in Dunham.

FEBRUARY 9

5:18 a.m. The fire alarm was set off from a pull station in North.

FEBRUARY 10

1:30 p.m. Packages were reported stolen from the Mail Center.

FEBRUARY 12

6:20 a.m. Security investigated a case of vandalism in ELS.
8:20 p.m. A broken smoke detector set off the fire alarm at the Griffin Rd. Apartments.

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Buffergrams memories from across the big pond

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Each and every Valentine's Day the Buffers serenade the campus with the classic tear jerker, "Love Me Tender." On the eve of their music marathon, the Buffers rehearsed around a grand piano and the ever-present white bucks.

BY ALEX SLATER
GUEST WRITER

It's very early on the morning of Valentine's Day 1996, and the cleaners have just started vacuuming inside the Burke Library. Outside nothing is stirring in the Hamilton Quad, except for the sound of my white bucks crunching in the February snow outside North dorm. I muttered a few strong words as I contemplate why I just got out of my warm bed to tred my way to the other side of campus. But the reason, of course, is quite plain: no Buffer sleeps late on February 14th, because at six in the morning the men who sing about that "College on the hill top" start delivering their Valentine's Buffergrams.

For a week before we had been standing at the center of Beinecke Village at lunchtime selling our Buffergrams. For the modest fee of $1 students could order the whole group to burst in unexpectadely on their loved one and serenade them to the tune of "Love Me Tender," while receiving a personal bag of candy and stick on hearts (usually applied to the forehead).

After a quick rendition over the phone to a Buffer's girlfriend who was studying in Germany, and a "team breakfast" in McEwen, we all pulled our blue blazers tighter around us, as we headed out into the blizzard to prey on our first unsuspecting victim who was fast asleep and dreaming of the Valentine's Day to come. But Valentine's Day came a little earlier than she expected when there were sharp knocks on her door and fifteen men in semi-formal attire crowded into her room to sing to her. What more could a girl want?

But other recipients of Buffergrams weren't so sure that they wanted one delivered to them. Take, for example, the rather sudden response of a certain Fraternity brother, surprised in the shower: his reaction was, of course, unprintable, but could be said to be far from the "Love Me Tender" lyrics that we only had time to half finish before cutting our losses and leaving the building.

When learning that we had a Buffergram for the President, his assistant looked at us as if we had just walked into the office and offered to dance naked on top of her desk. She informed us, looking somewhat relieved, that the President was in Florida. Undisturbed, we insisted she call him at his hotel, but to our great disappointment, and no doubt to his, he was unavailable to receive our Buffergram. He was later heard saying that he had been in the shower at the time. No doubt he was singing Buffer songs anyway!

We trekked the long snowy trail to our only appointment in Bundy, far far down the hill (an appointment which I had been foolish enough to accept, exposing myself to general Buffer unpopularity). Stopping at the Bristol Campus Center on our way down, our eyes simultaneously came to rest on the big neon sign outside the College radio station, WHCL. Jim Gillies, Doug Monroe, and Chris Lascelles looked from the sign, to each other, then to the door leading to the studio. Without a word, they led us all into the studios where we hijacked the microphones from two bewildered DJs who had been innocently doing their morning radio show, and within seconds the Buffer version of "Love Me Tender" had been broadcast over a sizable proportion of the Mohawk Valley.

After serenading the secretaries of the Admissions Office, who did everything to praise us, short of giving us their telephone numbers, we decided to make our way to the Kirner Johnson building, by way of the Root Glen. At the time, in the comfort of the admissions office lobby, it had seemed a good idea. Even after we had walked (well mostly sledded) our way to the bottom of the Glen it seemed like fun. But it was when we decided to climb up the ice sheet on the other side that we realised what foolish Buffers we had been. Eventually, we made it out again, though admittedly our next Buffergram was somewhat shaky as most of us appeared to be suffering from hypothermia in a variety of stages.

At the end of a day, after we had delivered 50 Buffergrams to deserving members of the Hamilton community, we parted outside the Athletic Center, (our last Buffergram was in the women's swimming changing rooms), and we went home, never wanting to sing, hear or be associated to the song "Love Me Tender" ever again.

On the evening of February 14th, 1996 there were 15 pairs of white bucks drying in various rooms around the Hamilton campus: it had indeed been a very happy Valentine's Day.

Storyteller Aurora Levins Morales lights up Red Pit

BY MARCIE PARKER '00
FEATURES WRITER

Aurora Levins Morales is a storyteller, first and foremost. However, armed with a PhD in history, this judorican (Jewish-Puerto Rican) author has transformed herself into what she calls a "historical poet." Through vivid imagery rich with color and culture, Levins Morales retells the history of Puerto Rican women by reflecting back to the immigrant community. Often Latino literature looks to reveal the lost history of the culture, as standard official "history" tends to distort or even pass over their stories. Though her works are centered upon Puerto Rican history, Levins Morales' research leads her into Africa and Southern Europe as well. She traces a web of interconnected lives which lays its roots in Puerto Rican women. Drawing inspiration from her Jewish roots as well, Levins Morales explores her family's history, her heritage, and what she refers to as "the affirmation of legitimacy of the immigrant community" within the confines of history.

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> **— Aurora Levins Morales**

The Red Pit was the site for Levins Morales' second visit to Hamilton on Monday, February 10. Three years ago Susan Sanchez Casal, professor of Spanish and Latino Studies here at Hamilton, collaborated with Colgate University to bring Levins Morales here to read from her work *Getting Home Alive*, which she coauthored with her mother Rosario Morales. This work explores the political undercurrents of her heritage while telling a story thick with literary value; she creates a history textbook for the studious-impaired, if you will. Monday night Levins Morales read excerpts from her latest work, Remedios, to a packed audience of students and faculty. Melanie Kaye Kantrowitz introduced the author, relating that Levins Morales "manages to negotiate politics and literature in a very significant way."

Audience members listened intently to the author's description of an African woman's life, and the dispersing of her children "like spread fingers." She talked of Puerto Rican "soul food" and the "sexual politics of conquest," while relating back to Pocahontas' real intricate history (she was an important political figure, whose opinions counted!). Her Jewish roots brought the reading into her grandmother's grueling life in New York's garment industry, before she ended the night with a piece entitled "A Remedy For Heartburn," a guide for immigrants to cope with insults. Welcomed with a warm thank you from the audience, Levins Morales revealed a modest smile and asked for any questions.

Levins Morales' visit to Hamilton this week stirred issues in the mind of Sanchez Casal, whose specialty and passion is Latino literature. "Latina literature is always concerned with 're-presenting' history, so that Latinos are not only seen as the 'objects' of history, but as its subjects as well. In other words, as a colonized people, it is necessary to use the literary sphere to inscribe latino subjectivity... who we are, what we have done, and how we have resisted systematic racism." Sanchez Casal is using *Getting Home Alive* in her Spanish 331 course this semester, and she says the students were excited to hear a personal reading from Levins Morales. In fact, many students stayed long after the reading to ask questions of the author. "She [Levins Morales] is truly impressed by the deep interests of Hamilton students in Latino studies, and by the interdisciplinary approaches that they are taking to this study, including politics, linguistics, sociology, literature, and cultural studies. " This enthusiasm was evident among the audience members since a range of various classes attended, from Women's Studies to Spanish 140. Also, several members of "La Vanguardia," the latino students' association, were present at the reading.

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> **— Susan Sanchez Casal**

Since the author has been received with wonderful enthusiasm for her two visits, Levins Morales would love to return to Hamilton for a third time. Sanchez Casal regrets that "the Hamilton College administration is not willing to invest more resources for permanent staffing in the Spanish division, so that the interest in the Spanish language, Latin American and latino literature, and latino studies in general might flourish on our campus." As Levins Morales pointed out in her reading, "this kind of growing interest is a national phenomenon, and a political one that we can expect to continue to grow."

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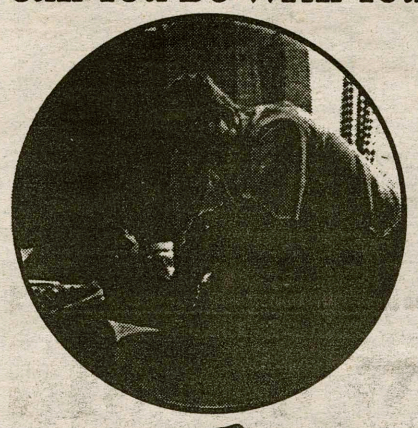

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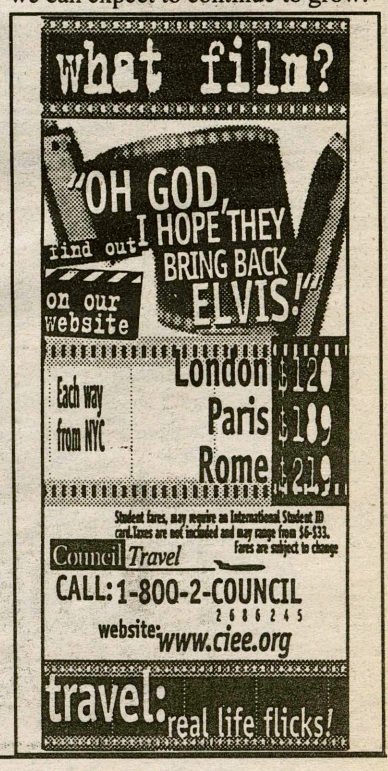
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WHITNEY WHITE '97

By Shauna Wreschner '00
FEATURES WRITER

If you had told Whitney White that by the second semester of his junior year he would not only have a popular radio show, but be the General Manger of Hamilton's own radio station WHCL, he would have laughed.

Employing about 150 people, WHCL remains the largest student run organization on campus, and receives the largest budget as well. With little DJ experience, a persistent roommate and a little innovation White is leading WHCL in many new directions. Whitney recounts that he was never interested in radio broadcasting until his friend Jeff O'Brien mentioned that he would like them to DJ a show together.

During his first year at Hamilton, White did not listen to WHCL so he dismissed the idea of becoming a disc jockey. Jeff was not deterred though, and last semester they were awarded their first show, "3-Dimensional Rock 'n' Roll" which aired Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. and can now be heard Fridays 1-4 p.m. White and O'Brien became so intrigued by the workings of WHCL they decided to become more involved and they both ran unopposed for positions on the Media Board. Jeff became the Production Director, and Whitney took a less structured position as "WHCL Member At Large."

It was at this point that White began learning about the technical side of the station. Whitney related that Jeff's position as Production Manager became a convenient opportunity for him and O'Brien to train themselves in the technical aspects of broadcasting, since they had received minimal training as new DJs. After learning the technical aspects of WHCL and having mastered most other aspects through his show, White ascended to General Manager this semester.

As General Manager White has already made improvements, such as having the station up and running, with new shows within two weeks of the beginning of second semester, compared to the four weeks it took in previous years. This entails having all the DJs fill out FCC forms and training new DJs. White is also trying to improve the quality of the DJs with ideas such as a DJ hand book and guide to station operations. An instruction book for DJ's will help counterbalance the lack of hands-on training and provide trouble shooting solutions for frequent on-air complications.

Revitalization of the news department is also a top priority. White recognizes that the news broadcast should be as professional as it is informative, reflective of Hamilton's's academic reputation. Also on his agenda is a major equipment upgrade including a computerized digital CART machine to improve the quality of public service and promotional announcements.

Recently White has been grappling with the question that affects all college radio stations, does the station stay true to the reputation of college stations and play only "new music" or do they play "album oriented" or Top Forty hits as well? White has found a nice balance between new rock shows such as "Byrne's Inferno" by first year Sarah Byrne and classic rock shows such as his own.

WHCL also tries to cater to a diverse audience by playing other "theme shows" such as Chris Jones' '00 and Matt Vivyan's '00 "Fabulous Cabinet Makers," and "Red Whispers." Red Whispers," put on by Liz Brooks and Rebecca Harp is a "women's rock" show featuring popular female artists.

White takes his new position seriously and states, " My priority is not only for WHCL to have a good selection of "rock'n'roll," new music and genre shows, but also to have quality DJs by giving them training in all aspects of radio so they can be well versed in front of the microphone and behind the switch board."

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WHCL General Manager Whitney White '97.

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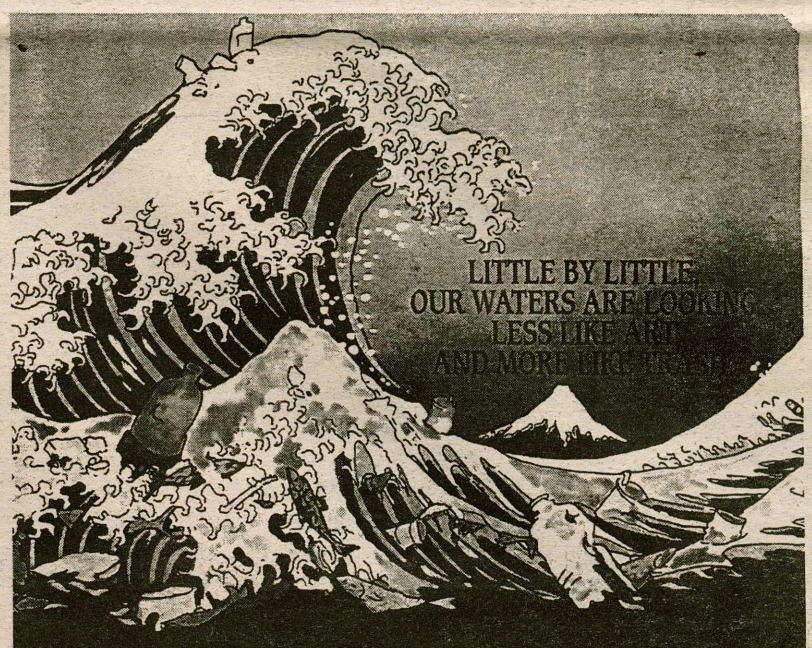

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Symeon's serves suppers worthy of Greek gods

By Becca Savage '99
FEATURES WRITER
and Fiona Thomas '99
AD MANAGER

Symeon's is the better of the two Greek restaurants in the Utica area. But The Acropolis, which we critiqued last semester, lacks the Greek aura compared to this week's feature. Located on Commercial Drive in Yorkville, Symeon's offers authentic Greek cuisine at a moderate price.

Upon entering, we first noticed an armoire decorated with various Greek artifacts: paintings, pictures, statues, and religious icons. Beautiful rugs led the way to the tacky "Please Wait to be Seated" sign. The front room was quite impressive; we only wished the rest of the restaurant was so well decorated. The dining room has two main sections, smoking and non-smoking, with a choice of seats or booths (a plus for private diners).

A "Greek" feel is maintained save for a few travel-agency style posters advertising various Greek isles. We were excited to try the food until we peered into the open air kitchen, manned by three teenagers, who had most likely never even visited Greece.

Our waitress was pleasant but obviously had a tiring day. She brought us Utica water and laminated menus, which offered many hard-to-pronounce selections. Their specialties include *Melitzanes Tiganites*, fried eggplant, *Mousaka*, a traditional Greek casserole, beef shish-ka-bob, and Chicken *Souvlaki* . For the true Greek effect, we ordered the Greek Appetizer, which consists of Feta and *Kasseri* cheeses, dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), eggplant, peppers, olives, tomatoes, onions, and *Tzatziki* (yogurt-cucumber sauce), all served with a basket of warm Greek pita.

In addition, we ordered *Spanokotiropita*, a tasty spinach, Feta cheese and onion mixture sandwiched between layers of flaky Filo dough.

For entrees Becca ordered *Psari Sto Filo,* fresh scrod filet smothered in a creamy wine and mushroom sauce which is then wrapped in a thick Filo sheath.

It wouldn't be proper to discuss the appearance of this dish in a respectable publication, but luckily it tasted better than it looked. In fact, it was quite good. The fish was fresh and cooked to perfection, but the overdose of cream sauce slightly killed the effect; she wound up scraping most of it off and picking at the Filo dough instead.

Mark ordered one of the menu's low cholesterol selections, *Thracian Chicken*. Prepared with marinated chicken breast that is blackened and served with a choice of French fries, baked potatoes or rice, the chicken was well prepared and of high quality. The meat was dry yet seasoned and charbroiled enough to give it an ambitious, unique flavor.

Although what was served on the plates was appealing, we cannot say the same for the dinnerware itself. Stark, non garnished stainless steel platters harkened back to the Middle Ages. On the plus side, long, sharp steak knives were provided for all of the meals.

Dessert was an appropriate finish for our Greek experience. Becca, who overdosed on Filo dough during the first two courses, ordered more, with the *Galaktoboureko*. Creamy custard baked between two thick layers of Filo dough and doused with warm honey, it is a delight to the taste buds. In addition, we ordered the *Rizogalo,* a traditional Greek rice pudding. Served cold, *Rizogalo* was surprisingly similar to traditional English rice puddings, and very tasty.

Service at Symeon's was fast, courteous, and very helpful in providing us information for this article. Although the kitchen crew seemed to be a bit clumsy (we counted three incidents of employees dropping large handfuls of dishes), the waiters and waitresses were friendly and more experienced at their jobs.

Prices were a little steep for most college students, but normal for any "nice" restaurant. Entrees ranged between $6.95 (*Fish Dinner*) and $16.95 (*Lamb Chops*), but most fell at around $9.95.

Although they do serve a limited selection of wines and beer, Symeon's does not have a bar, and is by no means a place to "hang-out." Be sure to bring your Visa or Mastercard, because Symeon's doesn't take it slow on the Filo dough, and Symeon's doesn't take American Express.

Overall, we gave Symeon's a three and a half out of five stars, and would highly recommend it to anyone with a taste for Greek food or a desire to try some.

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Cabin Fever Chili Cookoff to separate chefs from has-beans

By Rachel Carson '00
FEATURES WRITER

This Saturday afternoon, the fourth annual Cabin Fever Chili Cookoff will be taking place in the Hub at Bristol Campus Center.

Bev Low, Director of Student Activities, is the woman that this event originated with. "My first year at Hamilton, the winter of 1994, I was the new Director of Student Activities, it was the worst winter here, and I had moved here from Bangor, Maine. Everyone was saying, 'Oh are you ready for our winters?' and I kept thinking to myself, 'How bad could it possibly be.' Well, we got three feet of snow in one day, it was ridiculous, and everyone had real cabin fever, so that's where I came up with the name that February."

To go along with a Winter Carnival theme Low thought of Cabin Fever Chili Cookoff to kind of warm things up a little. The idea caught on and participants enjoyed themselves and had fun, while Low received many positive responses about the event from faculty, students, administrators and staff. "We had people from Physical Plant enter, as well as students and faculty. It was really a wide range of people, and so it caught on, so we decided we would do it every year in February, right around Presidents Day Weekend," said Low. Part of the reason behind the date for the Chili Cookoff, is that often on President's Day Weekend, a lot of families will come up to visit students. Low's own parents have made it to three of the four Cookouts.

The people who enter come from all over campus. Last year, with nine entries, two entries from Physical Plant, one of the Bon Appetit chefs, a couple of administrators, and several students. Andrew Edelson '97, has entered in the competition since its realization and will be participating in his final cookoff this year. Corey Landstrom, Program Coordinator, is this year's defending champion.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Director of Student Activities Bev Low.

"We need people to come down and taste, that's what makes it fun," says Low. "We have some neat prizes, I went down to Pier One and picked up things like chili bowls. The winner this year will actually get a silver bowl engraved with 'Chili Champion' on it."

Right now there are five entries in the contest, although Low is looking to boost the number of entries to ten. Her goal is to bring the community, including families, students, faculty, and staff, together. With no charge to come and taste the work of the participants, Low is hoping to have a good turnout for Saturday's event. The contest will go on from noon until 2 pm.

"It's just one of those things, Hamilton has it's traditions, but in terms of programs, we have the Acoustic Coffee House series, our athletic teams have their schedules, we don't have a real Winter Carnival, Winterfest, or an Autumn Fest, they're loosely planned. As long as I'm at Hamilton, there will be a Chili Cookoff every February," said Low.

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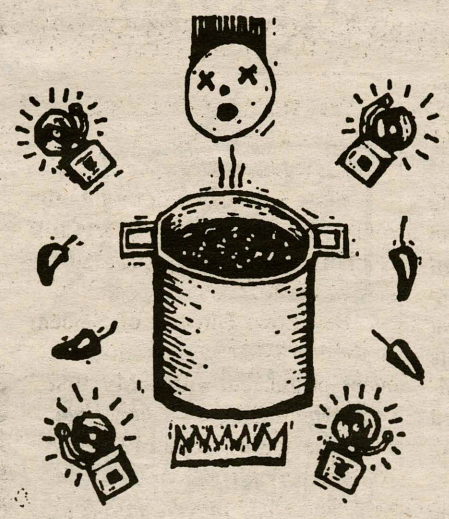

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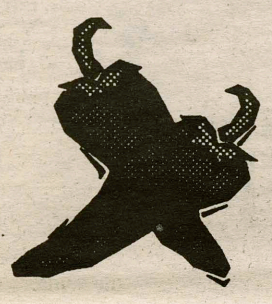

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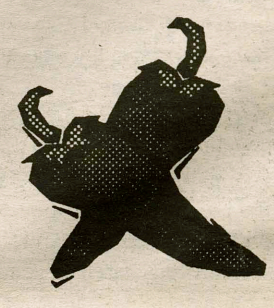

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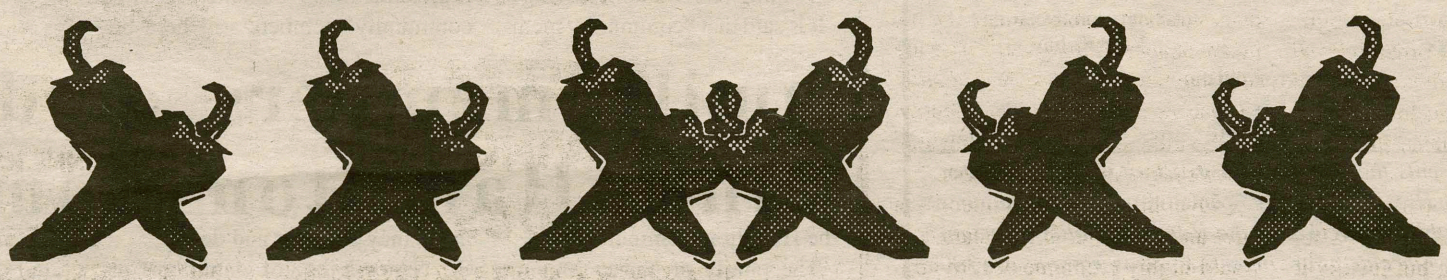


EDITORIAL

Coaxial confusion

Once upon a time, college campuses were at the vortex of social controversy as students raised their voices against oppressive and unfair policies levied by governments and college administrations. Students drew attention from national and international media for their protests and, perhaps much later in history, they gained the respect of intellectuals and individuals who once criticized their efforts.

In leaping from the 1960's to 1997, we find the college student faced with an entirely new set of circumstances. A college education is more accessible than ever, and colleges pride themselves in obtaining the latest in technology and the best educators to provide today's student with the tools he/she needs to succeed, or at least to survive, in the real world. Students of the 1990's rarely step forward and speak out unless they believe that their own rights are being violated.

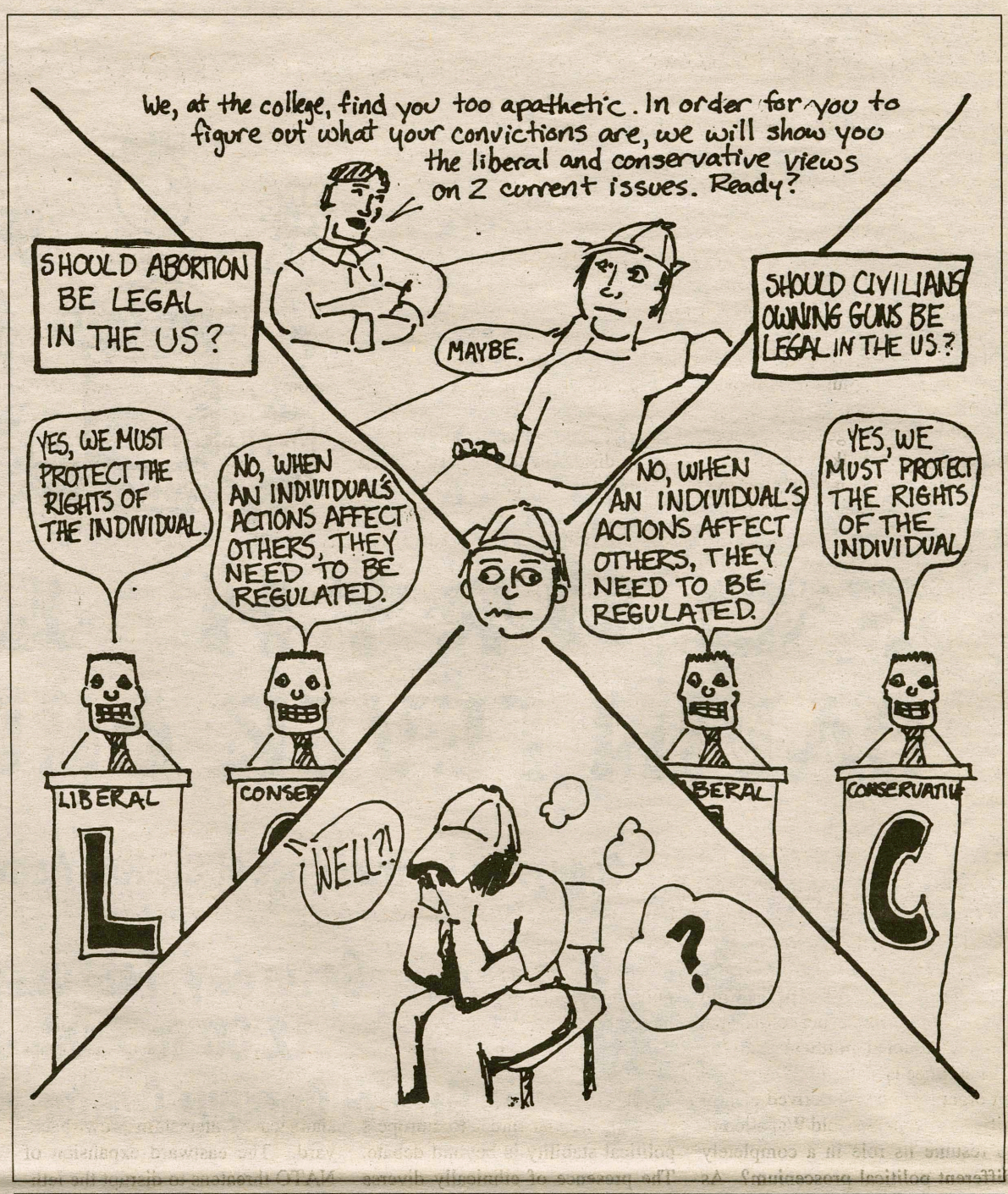
Hamilton has certainly seen its share of rallies of late, nearly all of which were prompted by student dissatisfaction with the effects of the legendary Residential Life Plan of 1995. Aside from Res. Life, however, the Hamilton student has little reason to use his/her First Amendment right to assemble.

Almost a year has passed since the last major protest at Hamilton, and apparently students are becoming bored. According to a reliable *Spectator* source, a few members of the Class of '98 were recently attempting to organize a major rally on campus. The goal of the rally? To bring cable television to the Hill.

Where has the concept of the student as an activist gone in our generation? As a *Spectator* poll revealed in the September 20 issue, not many Hamiltonians keep current on events taking place in the outside world. Only six of 15 students polled could name the basic reasons for the U.S. bombing of Iraq that week, and only one of 15 could name Dick Morris as the Clinton top-aide who was embroiled in a sex scandal that week. With the results of this poll in mind, we cannot blame ourselves as students for not speaking out for important causes in the world when we do not know enough information to even comment briefly on any issue.

Instead of following national and global issues, we tune in to SportsCenter religiously and follow the trials and tribulations of a group of youngsters in the zip code 90210. Apparently, in the 1990's students fight for 60 channels, ignoring many of the poignant issues of our generation.

The students of the 1960's fought for civil rights and for an end to the war in Vietnam, and while tensions based on gender, sexuality and race boil over in this country and on this campus, many of us stand idly by. We can raise placards and banners outside of Buttrick demanding MTV, CNN and Comedy Central, or we can look within the boundaries of our collegiate home and try to make a difference.


We, at the college, find you too apathetic. In order for you to figure out what your convictions are, we will show you the liberal and conservative views on 2 current issues. Ready?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students question if Hamilton is indeed 'a very special place'

To the Editor,

Hamilton: a very special place. A very special place for whom, we must ask. Certainly, Hamilton is not a special place when crimes go virtually unpunished. Hamilton is not a special place for all when some Hamiltonians are allowed to mistreat others. Hamilton is not a special place when those who stand out as different from the majority are not protected from individuals who fail to respect basic political, religious, ethnic, racial, physical, generational, sexual or affectional, and intellectual rights. The questions most important to ask are: What are the College's true purposes and goals? How far are the faculty, administration and staff willing to take their "pivotal commitment?" What are the true expectations relating to community living?

It is said that "community members are expected to treat all people with respect without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual or affectional orientation, political view, physical ability, age or intelligence." That is a very nice policy. It is said that "physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment or assault, coercion and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of a person" are prohibited student actions. This is another nice policy. Violation of these policies, of Hamilton's standards of conduct, and of the College's regulations are considered to be infractions against Hamilton. If this is truly the case, then why are individuals who steal, vandalize, threaten and harass others still on campus? Are these individuals who blatantly threaten community members still here because they did not endanger the health or safety of individuals who are not white heterosexual males? Or does one have to commit these violations of policies, regulations, and procedures against the majority before the College as a whole acts against these violations? How does the College expect to provide safety for all when they protect the very people who endanger the community? Needless to say, the members of the community who are being threatened by such disrespectful individuals do not feel safe, protected, or wanted when the people who wish to cause them harm are allowed to continue regardless of policies, regulations and procedures.

Josie Collier '97
Sandra Cepeda '97
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Family members of deceased thank Hamilton community

To the Hamilton Community:

The family of Nancy Mennig would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude for the kindness and support shown to them during Nancy's illness and death.

Nancy's love of Hamilton College was obvious. The College community's love for Nancy was demonstrated by the outpouring of love and generosity shown to her family during this very difficult time.

John
Terri
Missy

Some bumper sticker wisdom: television is an addictive drug

Generally, I loathe being subjected to bumper stickers. A Ford pickup truck screaming about the wonders of rifles or the back of a Trans Am asking me, "Is that your face, or did your neck vomit?" leave an acidic taste on my tongue. For the most part, bumper stickers can be discounted as a vehicle for social change; a Honda Accord telling me that "Abortion is murder" merely reaffirms my pro-choice stance.

Mostly, messages stuck on sooty rubber can be chalked up as inherently offensive visual pollution. Not all bumper stickers are of the "I may be fat, but you're ugly and I can diet" genre, however. In fact, some are tasteful indeed. How can one criticize "Read a book" or "Plant a tree"? Simplistic, effective, and certainly not a source of irritation. If ever I were going to disregard my strong aversion to bumper stickers, I would deface my Jetta with three unambiguous words: "Kill your television."

Madame Stevens, the assistant to the Hamilton College Junior Year in France Program in Paris, is an asset to our school in more ways than one. Not only does she resolve countless petty and serious problems for bewildered Americans lost in the City of Love, but she also acts as a role model for the inhabitants of the globe.

In her apartment in the 15th *arrondissement*, Madame Stevens has no television. Initially, I inquired as to the status of her RCA or Zenith, thinking it was certainly in the shop; clearly, she had an excuse for her gross disregard for society's rules. My moronic assumption was greeted by laughter, however. "*Non, mon gars*," she told me, "I threw it away."

"Of course," I thought aloud, "it was broken so badly that repair would be more expensive than the purchase of a new television."

Her affable smile broadened. "*Non, non*," she continued, "it worked fine. I just got tired of looking at all the crap they shove in our faces. So, I took it downstairs and put it in the garbage. Unplugged it and threw it in the dumpster. Best thing I've ever done."

While Madame Stevens may be regarded as some sort of leper by the rest of the world's middle class, I found her lack of TV marvelous.

Back in the world of television hell (America, to you and me), I feel the poison slowly seeping into my mind and soul as I sit before the evil rays of "Full House" and "Family Matters." My roommate is fortunate enough to have a television and a

MARK LILIENTHAL
GLASS HOUSES

VCR for our humble abode.

When one of is home and awake (and sometimes even asleep), chances are 90 percent that the wicked contraption is spewing forth such rubbish as "The Naked Truth" or "Saturday Night Live" reruns on Comedy Central. Both of us have adopted the healthy weekend routine of waking up on Saturday and Sunday, turning the television on, and watching such important gems as the Jets/Giants' battle for New York supremacy or *Another 48 Hours* with 53 commercial interruptions and no swearing or nudity.

Needless to say, before I blink, adhesive vines have grown out of my favorite chair, paralyzing all of me except my remote control trigger finger. Of course, I cannot possibly be persuaded to take a walk with someone or go out to dinner; I have too much work to do. My hypocrisy astounds and saddens me.

Truthfully, one of the most enticing aspects of my life without school or parents is the prospect of not having a television in my apartment next year. I cannot remember the last time I went 24 hours without watching the tube. Pathetic, I know.

Worst of all, I love books. My mother and father (bless their hearts) made sure I read as a child. Like my one box of sugar cereal a year (my "birthday cereal"), they limited me to at most an hour of television a day in elementary school.

They instilled in me a thirst for learning and knowledge that only books could quench. Over break, I said—quite hypocritically in retrospect—that I would devour books if I could. While in my heart I know my feelings are true, my actions suggest a television addiction that makes heroin seem like a sissy drug. Thankfully, I have read *Manchild in the Promised Land*, so I know that heroin is indeed worse.

The point, however, is that our generation accepts television as gospel. We ignore the values of "NBC Nightly News" and PBS programming and embrace Ricki Lake and "Singled Out." What a sordid, skewed portrait of society and truth we receive from these hideous black magic boxes.

If you don't already own a TV, why buy one at our young age? Is missing "The Simpsons" the equivalent of an epidemic in our minds? If you do possess a TV, think about Madame Stevens before you lug it back to school or to your new home next year. I've never known a more even-minded, happy person.

With that being said, I have to run. "Seinfeld" is starting.

The eastward expansion of NATO: increased security or U.S. threat?

The issue of the eastward expansion of NATO rises like a political phoenix out of the ashes of the Cold War only to surprise and confuse the already troubled political analysts. The surprise is natural: Why would an organization that derived its significance from the Cold War attempt to resume its role in a completely different political proscenium? As for the confusion, it regards the real motives of an eastward expansion. I will try to dissolve the confusion by identifying the real motive for the expansion.

My attempt to unravel the Gordian Knot of NATO's motives will be based on the following assumption: NATO's motives are U.S. motives. The U.S. has more military strength than all of its NATO allies combined. One naturally assumes that the power with the greatest military strength in a military organization has the most influence on what is to be done.

We are told that the major reason behind the eastward expansion of NATO is stability; that the presence of NATO in East Europe will provide political stability in a region which has been troubled with ethnic and border disputes throughout its history.

The fact that the region could pose a potential threat to Europe's political stability is beyond debate. The presence of ethnically diverse populations within the same borders can cause tension. The example of former Yugoslavia provides a tragic illustration of the threat of conflict.

But I doubt that stability is the real motive for NATO's plans, for the expansion to the east is likely to create more problems than the ones it might solve.

My major objection to the expansion of NATO regards my fear of provoking Russia. It is unfortunate that this fear is grounded on solid proof: the reaction of the Russian government to NATO's plans. Russia has clearly expressed its opposition to such plans.

Solana's (NATO's secretary general) entry-invitation to Russia did little to calm Russian fears (who, in the meantime, refused). Yesterday, the Russian government fiercely criticized Solana's visit to four former Soviet republics, arguing that the Western alliance tries to subvert Russian security interests in its own backyard. The eastward expansion of NATO threatens to disrupt the lethargy of the Russian Bear.

ANTONIS ELLINAS
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

If this is the case, then it appears that the argument about the real motives of expansion being stability lacks validity, for it seems likely that an eastward expansion of NATO might create more instability in the region than the one it is supposed to guarantee.

By threatening Russian security interests, the expansion will lubricate the rusted Cold War gears. The provocation of Russia could be more of a threat to global stability than the possibility of ethnic conflict in the region.

But then the question arises: If the costs outweigh the benefits, then why would the U.S. favor an eastward expansion? Does the U.S. evaluate the situation differently? Perhaps the Russians are not as much of a threat, anyway. Or perhaps the threat of political instability and war in Eastern Europe is so imminent that the expansion is absolutely necessary despite its inherent dangers.

Allow me to doubt that the U.S. has a different assessment of the situation than the one presented here. After all, the Russians still have an enormous nuclear arsenal that almost equals that of the U.S. The U.S. and Russia together possess more than 90% of the world's nuclear output.

The threat of awakening Russian nationalism is much greater than any other threat. In addition, the fierce Russian objections would make it obvious to the most ignorant citizen of this world that the eastward expansion of NATO threatens peace. And the U.S. security advisors are anything but ignorant.

But then why does the U.S. insist on expanding NATO? The argument that the expansion would secure stability in the region weakens in light of the threat of annoying Russia. What are the real motives of theU.S.? If stability is not the real motive for the expansion of NATO, then what is this strong motive that counterbalances the threat of expanding to the east?

It is true that the end of the Cold War decreased the need for a Western alliance. It appears to me that since the early nineties NATO was left without purpose. The question of the expansion of NATO has given life to an almost dead organization. (Ironically, the prospect of expansion has attracted more attention and interest than the active involvement of NATO in Bosnia.) What is the potential benefit of NATO's increased importance?

The answer is simple: NATO would continue to nurture the dependency of European Security on U.S. military might. In the absence of NATO it is more likely that an independent EU (European Union) military force will gain momentum.

At present, the organization of an independent EU Security System is still at its infancy. The Maastricht Treaty set only the foundations for the creation of an EU Security System. The provisions for the creation of this system were set under the Second Pillar of the Maastricht Treaty.

The Second Pillar focuses primarily on the EU foreign policy. A common security system would strengthen the EU foreign policy since military strength tends to determine or reinforce the dynamism of foreign policy.

A strong NATO would postpone or handicap the creation of an exclusively European Security System; European security would continue to depend on the U.S. NATO has already created a dependency relationship between Europe and America. Its increased significance, in light of the prospect of its eastward expansion, would help sustain this dependency.

The dependency of European security on the U.S. could be one of the primary factors that handicap the prospect of a common EU foreign policy and cripple its dynamism. Having the example of the EU's power in the economic domain, increasing the importance of a useless NATO might be a way to prevent the repetition of the same story in the equally important security domain. A mature European Security System poses the next threat to the U.S. monopoly of power. Doubtless the U.S. security advisors are well aware of this.

The eastward expansion of NATO is not motivated by stability reasons but by an attempt to maintain the dependence of European security on the U.S.

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SOCRATES LAUGHS

The questionable nature of the findings of natural sciences

Science is amazing in many ways. It tells a story of how much power I possess now; how my body functions; how the earth is put together and works in harmony, so to say; why medicine works; and so on. It also tells why coffee becomes sweet if I put some sugar in it. Science is practical in that it allows me to predict the future and thereby enables me to take a necessary step in advance. It allows me to control my environment, so to say. It is not hard to see why so many people consider science as definite, absolute, or certain. There are not so many mistakes in the history of science's predictions.

But really? That is after science started to take a "modern" form. A fact that many people take science as certain does not mean that science is universal or catholic. Science has changed as well. For example, the fact that an apple falls down from a tree used to be interpreted as God's will until Newton came up with the concept of gravity. (Even Newton thought gravity was caused by God's will, by the way.) I am not even sure gravity is the answer to an apple falling down from a tree. Einstein, when travelling in Tibet, asked a shepherd boy why he thought a stone came down to the ground when he threw it up in the sky. The shepherd boy answered, "Of course, it is because a stone wants to!" And Einstein said, "Yes, that is exactly it." Scientific conceptions evolve, or change.

These days, science is changing very rapidly. The changing nature of science gives me some worries. First, I have to doubt whether scientific theory today will still be a valid argument tomorrow. Sometimes I recall my poor understanding of mathematics and start to question whether Keplar's geometrical proof of earth's movement will be invalidated by higher geometry where a straight line looks like a tangled-up string. I've never gotten an answer to it.

Or is there such a thing as the unchanging core of science? Many philosophers believed in an unchanging scientific core such as time and space, which quantum mechanics proved to be to be relative. Yet mathematics still seems to be mathematics, which possibly indicates the existence of some unchanging feature within mathematics.

There are many other worries. But let me present just one more, the most radical, "horror-movie" type (meaning scary in its implications but attractive to think of it) worry of mine. If science is an attempt to describe the mechanics of the world, there must be reality which is unaffected by our conception.

However, as I see a scientific conception of the world changing, I doubt whether we really are talking about the world independent of our mind. It is hard to imagine that the phenomenon of an apple falling down from a tree changed its nature from "God's will" to "gravity." Yet it is not absolutely certain that there is something about an apple falling down from a tree that is unaffected by what we think of it. Perhaps we are just sleep-talking without reality being there. Perhaps we are lucky to see "reality" being in a way that we think "reality" to be. In my nightmarish world, there are only interpretations, and people either make or follow interpretations, which seems to be possible.

My worries may be called "stupid." It will not make any difference in my daily life. There are still people to talk with and theses to write. So, why worry? Well, just for fun, isn't this enough reason? I am hoping this talk will provoke many to write to this section for all possibly conceivable reasons.

Eiko Tsunematsu

VOICE BOX

Do you think Hamilton is doing enough to educate students about Black History Month?

Bejan Shirvani '99

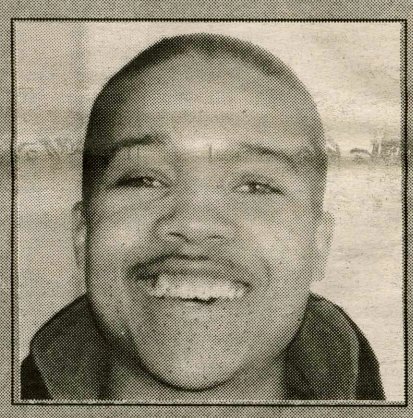
"No, I don't, but I don't think it should be Hamilton's responsibility. It should be the individual's."

Stu Surick '99

"I haven't learned anything at Hamilton about Black History Month."

Salena Hastings '98

"No. I haven't heard anything about Black History Month."

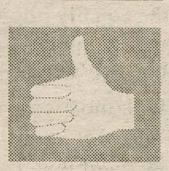


Ralph Allen '97

"No. There are not enough discussion groups. We should be discussing it all the time."

THUMBS UP

Valentine's Day



Black History Month

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Student protests of the 90's

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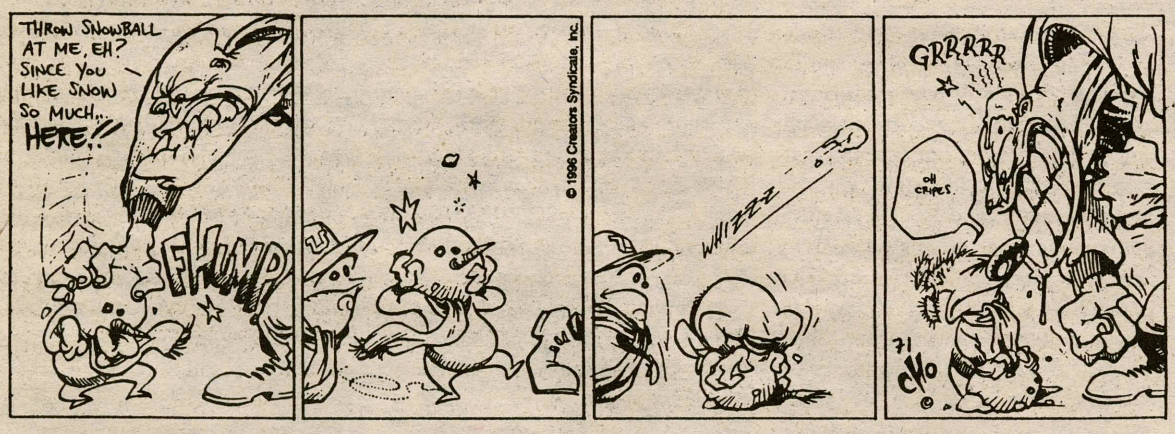

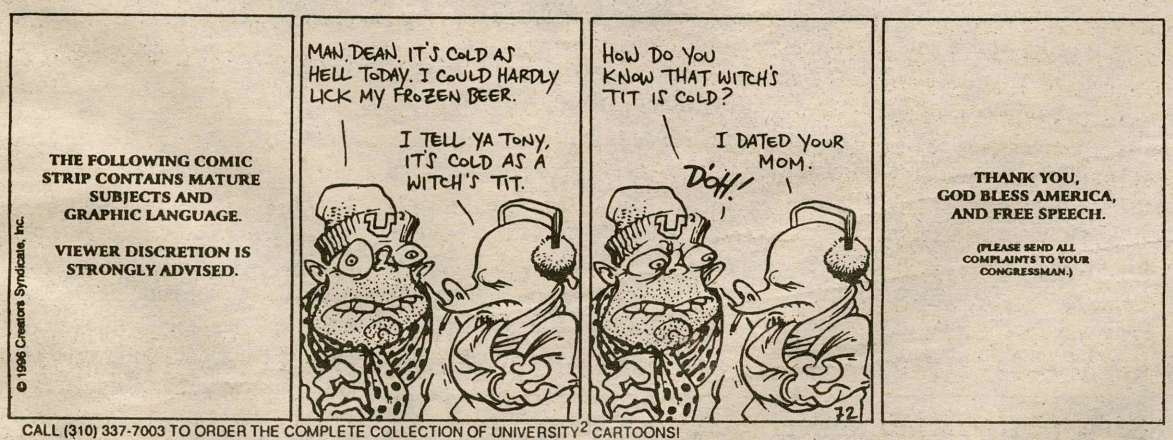
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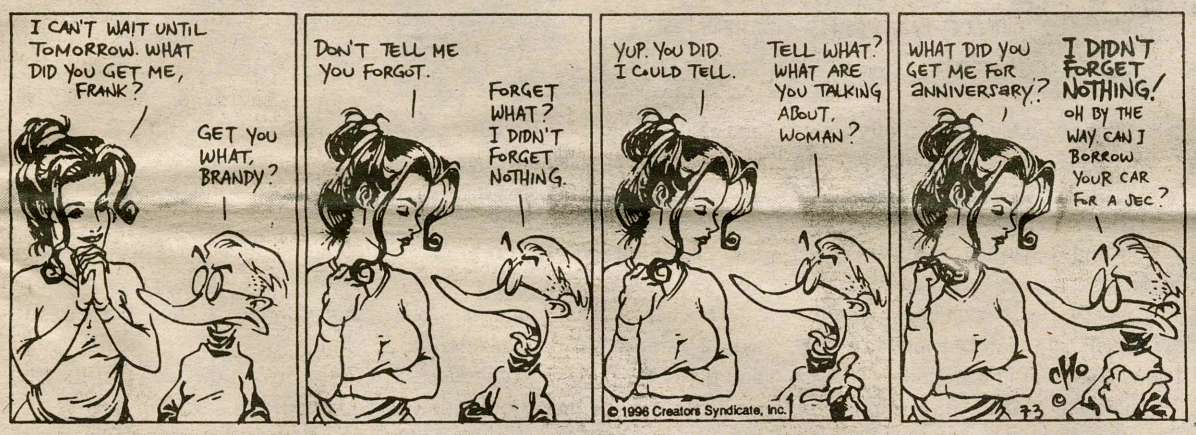
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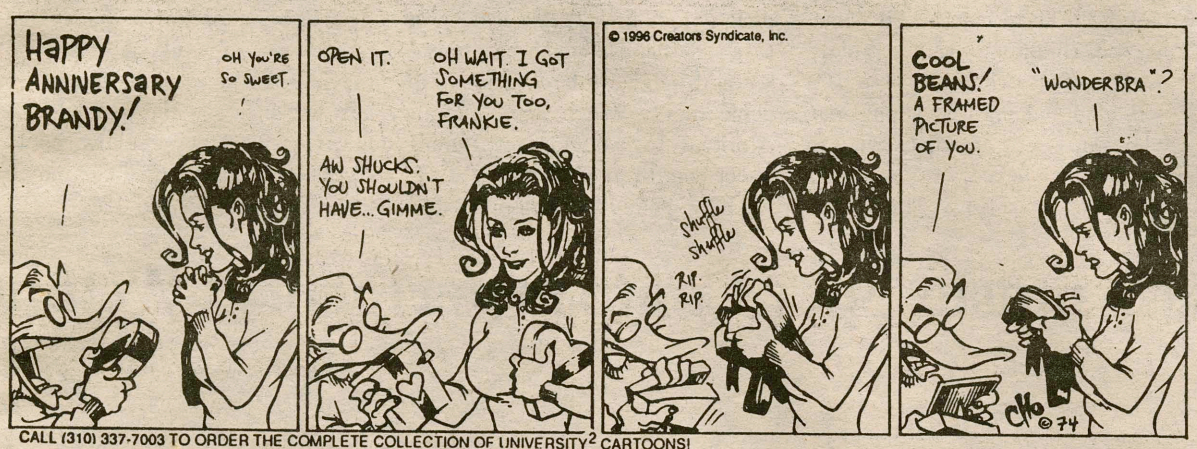

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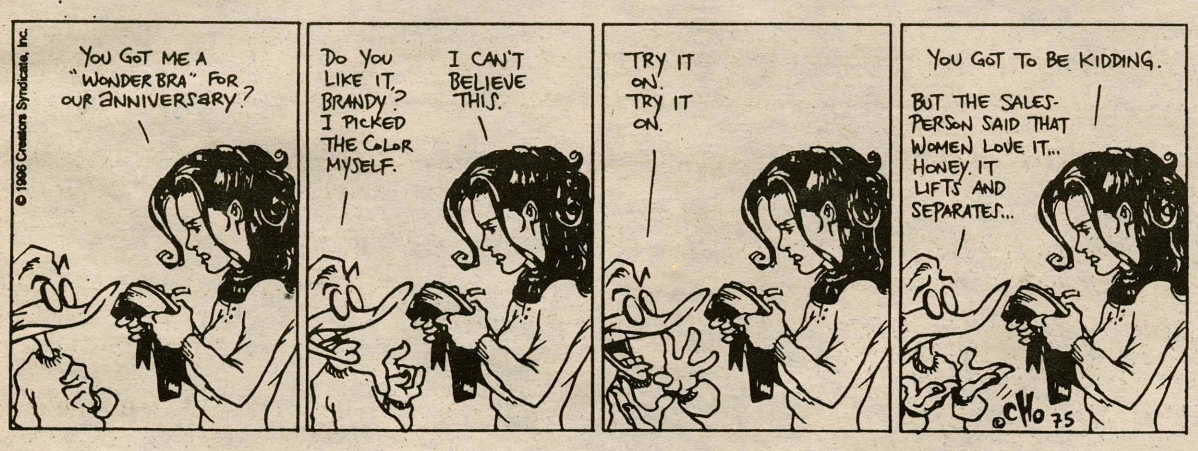
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Love,
Ema & Aba

Mom-

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—Suspicious

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HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14-21

FORSEEN BY DR. WONKA
A&E ASTROLOGER

AQUARIUS
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)

Deception is not a good trait, Aquarius. Your third-floor antics have displeased the natural aura of the universe. I foresee problems when a person, who is not of this time zone, boards a plane heading east. Your lucky movie: *The Player*.

PISCES
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)

Just can't win, can you Pisces? I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but your (up until now) worthless pursuit will turn into a more worthless problem. Remember, alcohol impairs your judgement. Your lucky shot is: A mind-eraser.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)

You have been too aggressive in recent days, Aries. While an Aries is naturally dominant in most situations, it is a bad idea for you to actually raise your fist. Your lucky group is: ABBA

TAURUS
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)

This is a good weekend for a visually enhanced experience. Saturday night's rave should prove to be interesting. Your spot: The Glen.

GEMINI
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)

You will have an out of this world experience soon. Be ready; your head will be in the clouds, so make sure that you keep your feet firmly planted on the ground. Your lucky toothpaste is: Aquafresh.

CANCER
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)

This weekend you should party like its 1999! Get out of the library and into a bottle of your choice. Lucky time is: Happy Hour.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)

Bird is the word. This weekend may leave you unfulfilled, but not to worry. The weeks ahead will bring you much pleasure, so keep your head up. Your lucky song is: Stayin' Alive.

VIRGO
(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)

You need to chill out and relax this weekend. The stars also tell me that you should not forgo any opportunities that present themselves this week. Your lucky movie is: *Shaft in Africa*.

LIBRA
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)

The good times are coming to an end, my friend. Someone very close to you will soon assume a new role in your already scandalous relationship. Your lucky action is: Prayer.

SCORPIO
(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)

It is your job to brighten the lives of others this week. Don an Elvis suit and slick back your hair. You can also help to perfect your disco skills by strutting your stuff on the balcony in Commons. Your lucky scent is: CK1

SAGITTARIUS
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)

You may want to kick it on a solo tip for awhile. Introspection and relaxation will do wonders for your inner-child. Your lucky place: Bed.

CAPRICORN
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)

Get on up and dance, yeah! Burn up the dance floor with your patented cartwheel flips. Work it baby, this week is all you! Your lucky social event is: Saturday's Rave.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

THE BEAUTICIAN AND THE BEAST C

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BY KATHY HESS '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

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Timothy Dalton and Fran Drescher star in the cute but mindless movie, *The Beautician and the Beast*.

The Beautician and the Beast is not a great movie, but that isn't a surprise. It is a low budget flick, with many bad actors and accents, and an ignorant concept of Eastern European countries. The surprise is that it is okay as a cute, fairly mindless movie, and that Fran Drescher (*The Nanny*) makes the film watchable (even with her accent).

Kind of a combination of Drescher's TV show and *The King and I*, Joy Miller (Drescher) is a beauty-school teacher who is proclaimed a hero after saving the lab rats from the school, while it is burning down.

This brave action makes the front page of some New York City paper (slow news day) and catches the eye of Grushinsky (Ian McNeice), a man who is looking for a tutor. He hires Miller, and takes her back to his country; Slovetzia, a Eastern European nation that declared democracy, but then didn't have any.

> "It is a low budget flick, with many bad actors and accents, and an ignorant concept of Eastern Europe."

The country is apparently populated by old peasants (they are so old that they are still wearing the same clothes they wore in the seventeen hundreds), young revolutionaries (angry teenage boys) and factory workers. Boris Pochenko (Timothy Dalton: some James Bond movie) is the leader of the nation. He is a grumpy dictator. Dalton grunts very well; in fact that is the most exciting part of his performance. Pochenko has four children for Miller to tutor, or look after. The oldest boy is a perverted andconfused young man who wants to be an artist so he can paint women naked.

How charming! The oldest daughter is Juliet with an attitude. She is in love with one of the head revolutionaries, who is arrested and scheduled to be executed. There is the ugly duckling daughter who is basically ignored, and a little boy who is there to be cute, but isn't.

The nation needs a make-over, and that is Miller's specialty. She starts with the president. Miller points out that dictatorships and democracies are two different things, and that the president would look much younger without a mustache.

Pochenko changes his wardrobe to be a little more GQ magazine-like, and gives the factory workers overtime (we may be just poor common folks with overtime, but doesn't our dictator look great?). He also learns to shake hands, which the movie seems to believe is the cornerstone of democracy. Watch out Madeline Albright! Joy Miller has everything under control in Slovetzia, and she has more pairs of stretch pants than you.

Boris eventually falls in love with Miller, and finds that he can be a man with a heart. The scary aspect about this movie is that Miller becomes a political advisor with cheerful optimism and one-liners. Imagine for a moment: President Bobby McFerrin, with speech writer Dennis Leary. Miller's role is about as shaky as that idea.

The best actor in the movie is a rooster that Miller is unable to kill with her bare hands. Man, they train animals well. But the fact that the chicken steals the show with one scene gives an idea of how weak this movie is. Cute for a laugh every now and then, but not good for a thought. While most people go to movies so that they don't have to think for a couple hours, *The Beautician and the Beast* misses the idea that the audience still has a brain.

Suspending disbelief is an activity that both the movie-maker and movie-watcher work on. A good movie tries to keep inoffensively unbelievable, and the watcher believes that what they are shown could conceivably make sense. This movie doesn't successfully do that.

Blending various styles of Latin music, Sol y Canto to perform at Wellin

BY JENNY JEFFERSON '00
A & E WRITER

Part of the Hamilton Performing Arts Series, the Latin group Sol Y Canto will be performing at Wellin Hall this Friday evening at 8:00. The band plays a wide variety of both traditional and contemporary Latin music, including salsa, rumba, meringue, cumbia, tango, vallenato, and Spanish flamenco. Sol y Canto is composed of talented musicians from both North and South America, all of whom bring special talents and perspectives to the music.

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Sol Y Canto was founded by husband and wife team Brian and Rosi Amador, who had previously been members of the band Flor de Casa. When the band broke up, the pair formed the six person Sol y Canto, a group which has gone on to achieve great success.

Vocalist Rosi Amador and guitarist Brian Amador are joined by equally gifted musicians. Originally from Panama but raised in Costa Rica, Renato Thomas plays percussion. Fernando Huergo, well known in his field as being an excellent base player, is from Argentina. New Englander Jon Weeks plays multiple instruments, including alto, tenor, and soprano saxophones and flute. On keyboards, accordion, and percussion is Eduardo Tancredi, from Uruguay.

Audiences in the central New York region will have plenty of opportunities over the next few days to experience the music of Sol y Canto. Hamilton is their first stop among several in the area. Only $5 for students and $15 for the general public, Sol y Canto's Valentine's Day concert is not to be missed.

PHOTO BY SUSAN WILSON, PHOTO COURTESY OF ROUNDER RECORD

Sol y Canto will bring their unique style of Latin music to Wellin Hall this Saturday.

Bobby Peru to host first-ever comedy festival next weekend in Bristol

By Mark Wilson '99
A & E Editor

Just when you thought another winter of monotonous Bundy parties was upon us for the second year in a row, the comedy troupe Bobby Peru comes through with something a little different. On Saturday, February 22, Hamilton will host the first ever "Bobby Peru Comedy Festival," which will feature comedy troupes from four different colleges, an appearance by Bobby Peru, a live band, and refreshments.

The event, which will take place in the Bristol Hub and will be open to the public, is the brainchild of the members of Bobby Peru, who hope that this event will become an annual tradition and will provide the needed diversity to the current ho-hum Hamilton social scene.

"There is a huge lack of social diversity on campus right now," says Nat Faxon '97, a founder of the three-year-old organization, "and we hope that this festival will not only fill this void, but also encourage other independent organizations to get involved in improving the social scene."

Four comedy troupes: Cornell's Whistling Shrimp, M.I.T.'s Roadkill Buffet, Williams' Combination Pizza, and Harvard's Immediate Gratification Players, will compete in front of a panel of judges for the chance of winning a cash prize provided by CAB. Each troupe will perform for 25 minutes and the band will perform throughout the evening. Bobby Peru will themselves perform for twenty five minutes following the other comedy troupes. Sadly, Bobby Peru will not themselves compete for the cash prize.

The event willalso be sponsored by several on campus organizations. As previously mentioned, CAB is putting up the cash prize for the competition, the Student Media Board is sponsoring the publicity, the Inter-Society Council is providing the party refreshments, and BETA is housing the visiting comedy troupes.

Some of the judges include visiting Assistant Professor of Theater, Gerry Large, P.R. and Marketing Manager, ICON Thoughtstyle Magazine and Bobby Peru alum, Jess Godfrey '95, Local Entrepeneur, Captain Tripps, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Phillip Jaeger '96, and Editor-in Chief of the *Spectator*, Peter Gaston.

The live band, a conglomeration of Hamilton students, will perform throughout the night. Students Matt Manges '98, Ali Giangola '97, Dave Gould '98, and Tim Ryan '97 call themselves Utica Dank, but let's all hope that they perform better than what their name connotes.

Bobby Peru was founded in the 1993-94 school year by students Nat Faxon '97, Marc Campbell '97, Andy Scully '97 and alumni Brett Straton and Josh Gardner. What began as a spontaneous idea turned into a full-fledged student organization with a large contingency of fans campuswide. Bobby Peru is still primarily a sketch comedy troupe bringing satire, Hamilton life, and outrageous dialogue together into one hilarious comedy extraodinaire.

"The other comedy troupes that will be coming are primarily improvisational. While we still consider ourselves a sketch troupe, we are moving towards a balance between the two," says Faxon.

Today, Bobby Peru is alive and well despite the fact that many of it's founders are about to graduate or already have graduated. They hold tryouts once a semester and recently Dave Arkema '98 and Susan Dyer '99 have joined the group.

Apart from their appearence in this festival, Bobby Peru is planning up to two more shows after spring break and during senior week.

The members of Bobby Peru hope that this festival is recognized by the community as an example of student initiative and they hope that it will reach a large base of students.

A final note: the concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Make sure you are there early as the Hub will certainly be packed.

PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Professor Mike "Doctuh" Woods jamming out on Thursday.

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The members of Bobby Peru will perform again February 22.

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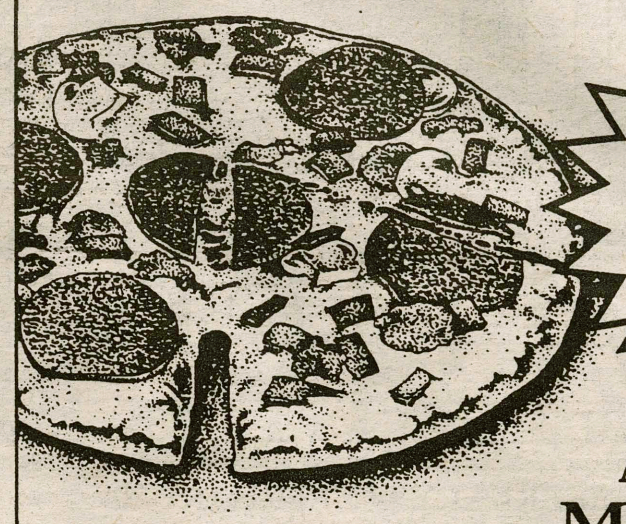

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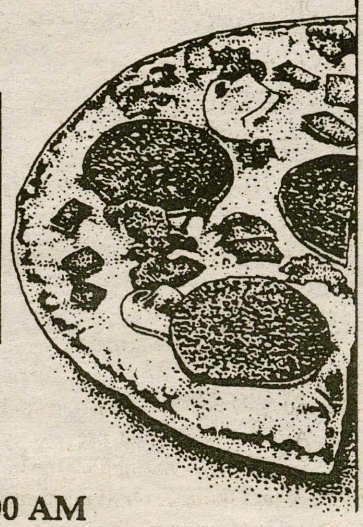

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LECTURES

Tuesday: At 4:15 **Professor Maghan Keita** will give a lecture on "The Return of the Black Knight: the African in Arthurian Lore, Reflections of the Construction of English Identity" in the Red Pit. Sponsored by the African Studies Program.

Wednesday: There will be a Kirkland Project Brown bag at noon in the ELS Common Room on **"The Unsteady March: The Rise and Decline of America's Commitment to Racial Equality"** by Philip Klinkner, Government Department. Sponsored by the Kirkland Project for the Study of Gender, Society and Culture.

Thursday: John Nichols '62, author of The Milagro Beanfield War, will speak about his experiences as a screen writer. This Open Class of College 300 will be at 2:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium.

Thursday: At 8 pm **John Nichols '62** will be giving a lecture on "What is a Naturalist Anyway?" in Dwight Lounge. Sponsored by the Government Department and the Office of the President.

FILM

Ransom: Mel Gibson stars for acclaimed director Ron Howard in this riveting tale of a fiercely independent business tycoon who takes matters into his own hands when his son is kidnapped. Tom Mullen (Gibson) is a fearless individual who is used to mediating tough business deals for his high-tech corporation. Now he must mastermind a daring countermeasure to keep his son alive when a FBI rescue operation fails. With time running out and his wife (Rene Russo) horrified by her husband's shocking strategy, Tom faces the most difficult negotiation of his life, knowing all the while that his son's life hangs in the balance. See showtimes below for K-J Auditorium.

ARTS

Friday. As part of HPAS, **Sol y Canto**, a Latin American five-piece combination group with vocalist, will perform in Wellin Hall at 8 pm. Sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Dance.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: From 10 am to 4 pm in Beinecke, HAVOC will be sponsoring a **Jewelry Sale**.

Saturday: Comedian Buddy Fitzpatrick will be performing at 8 pm in the Events Barn. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Thursday: Ellis Paul will be playing at 8 pm in the Events Barn as part of this semester's Acoustic Coffeehouse. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

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MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14-FEBRUARY 20

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That Darn Cat (PG)
12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 6:50, 9:10

Vegas Vacation (PG)
12:05, 2:20, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30

Star Wars (PG)
12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

Dante's Peak (PG-13)
12:50, 3:50, 6:45, 9:45

Evita (PG)
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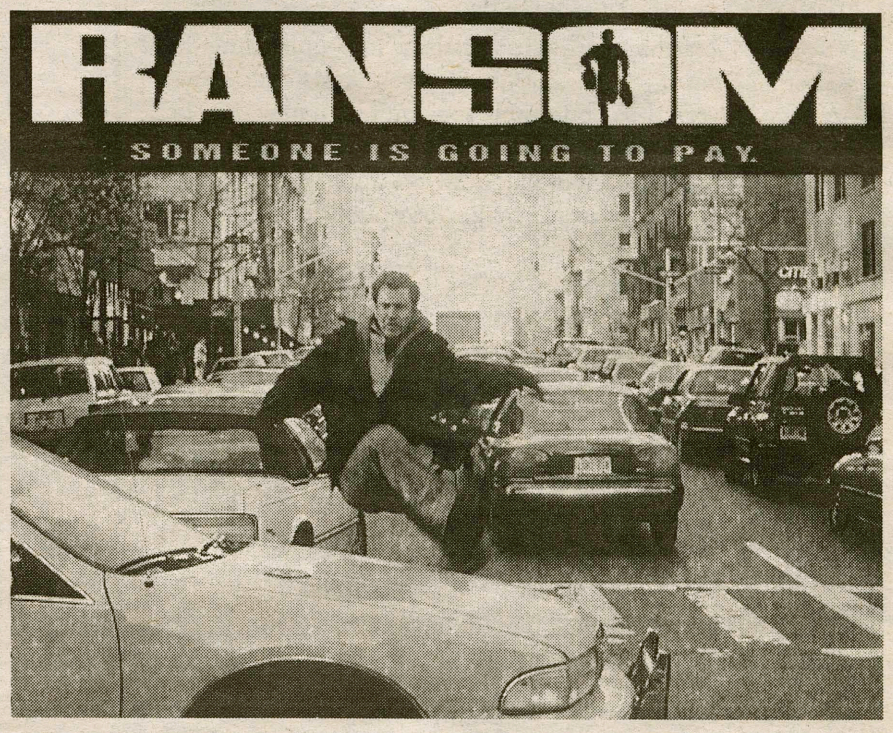

FRIDAY, SUNDAY 7:30
SATURDAY 10:00
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Men's basketball goes two for three on the road

Continentals put Thoroughbreds to sleep, 91-60

from Men's hoops, page 20

Tufts could not crack the Cont defense for most of the second half. Hamilton built a 56-49 lead with eleven minutes remaining and looked ready to pull away. The Jumbos responded behind a questionable technical foul and a mysterious double-dribble call. They cut the deficit to 74-70 and continued to chip away. In the final minute of play Hamilton hung on to 77-75 lead. Hamilton forced the Jumbos to run the shot clock nearly down to zero behind tough defense and a blocked shot by Schantz.

To Hamilton's dismay, Dan Ragsdale, the same player who hit the three-point buzzer beater to beat Hamilton last year, recovered the blocked shot and drained a trey with just 20 seconds left, putting the Jumbos ahead 78-77. A turnover and two Tufts free throws increased the lead to 80-77 with ten seconds remaining. Larson's late three-point attempt to tie rolled off the rim as time ran out.

Larson led Hamilton with 18 points, while Raedts added 15 points and 14 rebounds. Schantz contributed 11 rebounds and 14 points, many of which came at crunch time.

The Continentals again took to the road last Tuesday to face UCAA cellar-dweller Skidmore. Upon arriving, Hamilton learned that Thoroughbred star forward David Burch would not play due to a sprained ankle. The team's confidence soared as they built a 47-28 margin by halftime. Schantz, Larson, and Thorpe led the way with a barrage of three-pointers and smooth jumpshots.

Hamilton ended any chance of a Skidmore rally with a crippling 25-5 run to begin the second half. Lamar Johnson '99 came off the bench to dish out six assists over the course of the period, many times leading the fast break before finding the open man for easy layups. Coach Murphy emptied the bench by the eight minute mark as the Conts eased their way to a 91-60 victory. Larson again led the team with 19 points while Schantz added 17 points and 16 rebounds. Thorpe hit 4-7 from behind the arc en route to 17 points. Senior gunner Mike Murphy contributed a career-high seven points.

Hamilton returns home this weekend for a rematch against Union The Dutchman defeated the Conts 84-77 two weeks ago in Schenectady behind 33 points from freshman Bob Groelz. The vengeance factor will surely come in to play as Hamilton looks to salvage an NCAA tournament bid.

Currently the Continentals are seeded eighth in the East region. This position would qualify the team for tournament play but against a tough opponent. A season-ending winning streak would boost their seed and provide the team with the momentum necessary for post-season victories.

Four home games await Hamilton in their quest for success. Although the infamous Dawg Pound has been put to sleep, spectators should not shy away from this team's exciting show. Hamilton is back on track, and as the lightning-paced, above-the-rim style of this team continues, late-season blowouts will follow.

Continentals defeat Rensselaer on road trip

By Felicia Holtzman '00
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton Women's basketball was on the road again for two games against Rensselaer and Tufts over the weekend, and another away game at Skidmore last Tuesday. Both the Tufts and Skidmore games ended with an upset for Hamilton, but the Continentals did manage to secure a victory from Rensselaer with a final score of 64-56.

Senior Jessica Levi and junior Ashley Merriman lead the team to a win at Rensselaer as they each had 13. With 11 points, sophomore Jen Moran was another strong player for the Continentals. This upset loss for Rensselaer concluded a six game winning streak, dropping their final record to 9-8.

The Tufts game stayed a close one throughout, with Hamilton ahead for the majority of the game. However, the battle ended in a win for Tufts, 56-54. With 11:59 left on the clock, the Continentals were still in the lead 44-30, after senior Kristen Pabis made another basket to increase Hamilton's lead. Hamilton attempted to tie the game after their lead had been stolen, but the shots were not going down and the team became increasingly frustrated. Still, Jessica Levi scored 14 points and 7 rebounds, and Kristen Pabis added 11 points. The team played well together and had a solid game, despite their ultimate defeat.

At Skidmore on Tuesday, the Continentals had an extremely disappointing game as they lost to a team they had been victorious against earlier in the season. In the two teams' meeting on December 7th, Hamilton won 48-45. Last Tuesday however, the Continentals suffered a devastating loss to the same team in a final score of 71-43.

Skidmore was playing their most talented players and really providing an intense competition for the Continentals who just were not able to gain the lead and kept falling behind in the score. "I think the team is suffering some loss of moral and lack of enthusiasm after this last Skidmore game", Assistant Coach Hart commented. The Continentals were solid enough to put themselves in position to win the game, but they just became discouraged as they watched some of their shots fall short—not to mention a vast improvement in Skidmore's team from their last meeting.

Today the Continentals have a chance against Union, as they play their first home game after 10 games in a row on the road. The team defeated Union in their last meeting 61-52. The Continentals played a forceful and powerful game against Union last time, outscoring them 43-23 in the second half with the home court advantage, the Continentals are certainly favored in this game.. "Union gave us a great game and some solid competition. We really hustled and made our plays successfully against them. We feel confident that we can do it again," Assistant Coach Hart said.

Although the Continentals expereinced some disappointing losses last week, their win against Rensselaer should not be overlooked. It is likely that Hamilton will turn their recent pattern of losses into a win against Union and perhaps again against Hartwick this weekend.

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	Men's Hockey	Women's Hockey	Men's Hoops	Women's Hoops	Women's Squash	Men's Squash	Swimming and Diving	Track and Field
Fri. Feb 14	AIC 7 pm		Union 8 pm	Union 6 pm				
Sat. Feb 15	UCONN 3:30 pm	Maine 7:30 pm			Howe Cup at Yale TBA	Bard/ StevensTech 11 pm		Hamilton Open 11 am
Sun. Feb 16		Bowdoin 1 pm		Hartwick 2 pm				
Mon. Feb 17								
Tues. Feb 18						Univ. of Rochester 4 pm		
Wed. Feb 19								
Thur. Feb 20							Women's States at Renselaer TBA	
Fri. Feb 21	Conn. College 7 pm		Clarkson 8 pm	Clarkson 6 pm				NYSCTC at St. Lawrence 3pm

INDICATES HOME GAME INDICATES AWAY GAME

Beat the "Experts"

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Specially Selected Sporting Events	Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer *Sports Editor* Last Week: 6-5 To date: 19-15	Jeff Goralnick *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 4-7 To date: 17-17	Elliott Nix *Associate Sports Editor* Last Week: 7-4 To date: 20-14	Dave Gould Junior *Guest #7* Last Week's Guest: Frank Hillmann 7-4	Ryan Clanoy Sophomore *Guest #8* Last Week's Guest: Tip Fleming 6-5
NHL					
Detroit at Dallas 2/14	Detroit	Dallas	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 2/15	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Detroit at Florida 2/16	Florida	Florida	Florida	Detroit	Detroit
New Jersey at NY Rangers 2/17	NYR	NJ	NJ	NYR	NYR
NBA					
Detroit at Charlotte 2/14	Detroit	Charlotte	Detroit	Charlotte	Charlotte
Seattle at L.A. Lakers 2/16	Seattle	Seattle	Seattle	Lakers	Seattle
Orlando at Chicago 2/16	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Orlando
Indiana at NY Knicks 2/16	NY Knicks	NY Knicks	NY Knicks	NY Knicks	NY Knicks
NCAA Basketball					
Georgetown at Xavier 2/15	Georgetown	Xavier	Geaorgetown	Xavier	Georgetown
UCLA at Arizona State 2/15	Arizona State	Arizona State	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Indiana at Michigan 2/15	Michigan	Michigan	Indiana	Michigan	Indiana
Missouri at Kansas 2/17	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas

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A week in review

JASON SANTARCANGELO
FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Long Awaited...

Just a few days ago, the ESPY's, ESPN's awards for sports excellence were handed out. Finally, the man who went almost unknown for six months was given his due. Track star **Michael Johnson** was named the Outstanding Male Athlete of the year. Johnson won two gold medals at the Olympics in Atlanta—in the 200 meter with a world record time of 19.32, and in the 400 meter. Yet, his unprecedented accomplishment had been overshadowed by almost everything else. Johnson, the only double winner at the awards ceremony, was also named track and field athlete of the year. Congratulations to the true sportsman of the year! Other prominent awards handed out at the ESPY's included five time Olympic medalist **Amy Van Dyken** for Outstanding Female Athlete, **Kerri Strug** for most Outstanding Performance Under Pressure, **Tiger Woods** for Breakthrough Athlete, and **Evander Holyfield** for Comeback Athlete. The **New York Yankees** were named team of the Year while skipper **Joe Torre** was named Coach of the Year.

For Once, MJ Was Robbed...

After years and years of winning the MVP award at the all-star game and during the NBA finals, **Michael Jordan** finally turned in a performance actually worthy of the award, and was snubbed. Jordan won the NBA all-star game MVP in controversial fashion over **Shaq** last season and the finals MVP over a highly deserving **Dennis Rodman**. Anybody who watched the Bulls dismantle the Sonics would tell you Rodman, not Jordan, was the reason the Bulls won. Nevertheless, Jordan spearheaded the East's comeback win over the West in last Sunday's all-star contest. Jordan who has been out of retirement for only 23 months, turned into the first triple double in all-star play history with 14 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds. Surprisingly, that was not good enough for MVP honors. Charlotte Hornet Guard **Glen Robinson** deposited an all-star game record 20 points in the third quarter and 24 points in the second half for MVP honors. What a crock! Without Jordan, Rice would have never gained MVP honors. Well, Jordan responded by single handedly dismantling the Hornets on Tuesday with 43 points, including a game winning three-point basket as time expired on Tuesday. Sorry Glen, the League MVP and his Bulls are well on their way to winning another NBA title.

Mass and More Mass!

Once again the master has grabbed the coveted Sandow. **Dorian Yates**, the top heavyweight bodybuilder in the world, walked away with the Mr. Olympia title for the fifth year in a row. Entering the competition at a solid 257 pounds, he placed first in almost all of the posing categories. He collected a nice sum of $110,000, and as a result has become the first bodybuilder to bank more than $500,000 in career contest earnings. However, Dorian is still not the all-time winner of the Mr. Olympia. In fact, he places third, behind **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, who won it seven times (1970-1975,1980), and **Lee Haney**, who won it eight times (1984-1991).

500,000 and Another Title...

After skipping out on the PGA's first Buick Invitational in favor of the Asia Honda Classic in Thailand, **Tiger Woods** again demonstrated why he is the best. After beginning the trip with food poisoning and dehydration which forced him to retire early from the pro-am, Tiger roared back to capture the tournament by a whopping ten strokes at -20. Woods received $500,000 for appearing at the tournament. **Mark O'Meara** has responded to all this Tiger hype and hoopla by becoming the first player on the PGA Tour in two years to win back-to-back tournaments. In just four starts this year O'Meara has vaulted to the top of the money list with $710,460.

With Grace and Dignity...

The NBA is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year. Fittingly it named its 50 greatest players of all-time and honored them on center court at the all-star game in Cleveland. Everyone should take note not of who is on the impressive list, but how the ceremony was conducted. Each player as his name was called stepped onto a riser in front of him and waved to the roaring crowd. At the end, fireworks muffled the crowd noise as the players exited the court. It was simple. The ceremony is one I will remember for a long time because it showed for one tiny moment, in a commercialized world, the true meaning of sportsmanship.

Jets, Jets, Jets!

Finally the New York Jets drafted wisely. Staring another potential number one draft pick in the face, thanks in part to an awful season, the Jets got their man. No, **Orlando Pace** was not drafted. **Bill Parcells**, has come home to New York. The Jets traded their number one draft pick in 1999 (which won't be much of a loss with Parcells at the helm), their third and fourth round picks this year, and a second round selection next year, 1998. The draft picks are a small price to pay in an era of free agency. Look at the Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars who both earned berths in the Conference Championships in only their second season. So, if the Jets can be viewed as an expansion team, the future is bright. Jets' Owner, **Leon Hess**, finally corrected half the problem in the Meadowlands. It's too bad he can't help the Giants. The arrival of Parcells should mark the end of a losing tradition that began in 1970. The Jets' 244 losses are the most in NFL history. No one can be sure how Parcells will clean up the mess, but mark my words—within three years the Jets will be celebrating a post season appearance.

Swimmers prepare for states
Hamilton ransacks Rennsalaer

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Moldenhauer '97, Ogurick, and Andrew Keay '00 all turned in outstanding 200 times.

Some of the most brilliant performances of the meet came on the boards, where divers Joe Schmitz '99 and Tim Donahue '99, facing the Division III national champion, handled the pressure and tallied national qualifying scores themselves. They will be part of a successful state meet lineup.

The women also fared reasonably well against Union, going 1-3 in the relays. Maura Gorman '98 joined Holly Brown '00, Meghan Steed '00, and Amy Ryan '00 for the opening win in the 400 medley relay. Marianne Steen '97 added a strong opening leg on the victorious 400 free relay to a fast second place in the 200 backstroke. The sprinting corps of Allen, Steed, and Wendy Marrs '97 had another good outing. Marrs won the 50 freestyle with the others close behind. Although edged out in the 100, their 2-3-4 finish kept Hamilton in the meet. Alysa Ball '99 turned in two good swims—a solid 200 freestyle and a first place finish in the 500 freestyle, a race she led from start to finish.

It was payback time at Rennsalaer last Saturday for the men's team as they sought to avenge RPI's UCAA victory—a win they secured by shaving and tapering for the mid-season meet rather than waiting until the state meet like Hamilton and most other teams. That revenge was indeed sweet, as Hamilton handed RPI a 195-100 loss.

Hamilton wun virtually every event at RPI. Wintermuth, Postles, Liem, Donahue, and Ogurick were all multiple winners. The Continentals swept both the 50 and 100 freestyles. Hamilton's domination enabled Coach Thompson to vary the lineup somewhat to provide swimmers with opportunities to swim new events. Because of this, especially good swims were turned in by journeyman Postles, who recorded fast times in both the 200 IM and 200 backstroke. Matt Swensson '97 returned to form in this meet, scoring well in the 100 free and 100 fly. Josh Blum '97 and Ryan Cooney '97 brought home season best times in the 200 fly and 200 free respectively. Josh Plati '98 added bests in the backstroke and fly events.

The women were equally mismatched, as they destroyed the competition by a fifty point margin. They hammered home this victory by winning eight events and sweeping several. Coach Thompson balanced his lineup carefully, as evidenced by the wins turned in by so many different swimmers. Ball, Steed, Brown, Gorman, Marrs, and Sarah Schwartz '99 all won individual events while Hamilton relays, gearing up for the state meet blew away all RPI competition.

Beth Nolan '97 captured second place in both the 500 and 1000 freestyles. Nolan has been a solid and reliable contributor all season, and has the potential for an outstanding state meet. Kate Aiello '99 began to put things together with a fast 100 breaststroke, followed closely by Allen, extending her sprinting abili ties beyond freestyle.

The diving trio of Daniele Berman '00, Mandy Locke '97, and Vicky Massoud '97 hit another solid day of dives, going 2-3-4 on both boards. However, for the women to achieve victory at states, they will be counted upon to rise to a new level of competition.

The culmination of the season for the Continentals—the state cham pionship meets, is rapidly approach ing. The women's meet will be at RPI next Thursday through Saturday, and the men will compete at Union the following Thursday through Saturday. Both teams have legitimate opportunities to seize the crown, but to do so will require top performances from all those involved. These meets are always close, and anything can happen over the course of a tiring, three day competition. As the teams enter the final weeks, they need and deserve the support and encouragement of the Hamilton community.

Women's hockey wins two on the road

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The Continental women's hockey team took to the ice this week for three games. They were victorious twice, improving their overall record to 10-6-0. Stacey Tysinski '99 tallied four goals, and Amy Williams '99 contributed a goal and four assists in an 8-4 win over Connecticut College on February 8th. The following day, in a heartbreaking 4-2 loss at Wesleyan, Tysinski scored another two goals, and Charlotte Davet '00 recorded two assists. Isabel Roberts '97 played impressively in goal despite the loss, turning away 38 of the 41 shots she faced. On Wednesday, the Continentals traveled to Skidmore, and came home with a 5-3 win. Davet led the scoring for Hamilton with two goals. This weekend, the Continentals travel to Maine to take on the University of Maine as well as the Bowdoin Polar Bears.

Look for more complete coverage of women's hockey in next week's issue of *The Spectator*.

Continental Hockey rises to third in ECAC

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The Continentals were evidently relentless in their pursuit of a win in Southern Maine when Ben Hawn'98 found the twine for Hamilton just 25 seconds after Baudo's goal. David Webb'98 added to the Continental lead in the second with a mid-period goal to finish the scoring until the start of the third. Zac Sweetland'99 and Rob Rigg added to the insurance for Hamilton with two late-third period goals. Defense was strong for Hamilton. The young defense, led by John Whitwell'98 and Joe Baudo, managed to allow the Huskies just 16 shots on goal. Brent Davey'00, who is the talk of the Division III hockey circles, extended his impressive first-year record to 13-2-1 with 15 saves in the game. Other assists were credited to Trevor MacArthur'99 with two, David Webb'98 and Ben Hawn'98 with one apiece, and Brian Grady for a grand total of two on the night.

Hamilton experienced some deja vu the following afternoon at Salem State as the Continentals crushed the Warriors in another 5-1 game. This time though, Hamilton didn't wait until the second period to get motivated. Darren Johnston'99 made his debut in Salem after a four week lay-off with a broken left thumb. In his first start since January 11, Johnston looked like he had not missed a step as he made a brilliant pass to Joe Baudo who opened the scoring for the Continentals in the first minute of play on the power-play.

With 3:29 remaining in the first Salem bounced back with a power-play goal of their own to even the score at 1-1.

Mid-way through the second period Johnston found his way on to the scoresheet again when he and linemate Brian Guastella'98 combined for a Zac Sweetland goal to take the lead by one.

From there, the Continentals never looked back. Joe Zorumski'00 handled a pass from Ben Hawn'98 at the blueline, only to let loose a blistering slapshot that found its way to the net for the Continentals second power-play goal of the game.

Later in the third, rookies connected to increase Hamilton's lead to three—Mike Phalen'00 and Josh Spanburgh'00 found fellow freshman Scott Meyer planted in the slot at 7:47 of the period. With 2:44 remaining, David Webb notched his first of the game and second of the weekend to put Hamilton's lead out of Warrior reach. Ben Hawn had two assists in the contest, while Ed Cassin'00 and David Webb accounted for the others. Brent Davey continued to impress teammates and opponents with yet another victory to add to his previous 13. Davey made 21 saves in Salem.

Hamilton will continue to fight for a national playoff position this weekend when they face A.I.C. tonight and Holy Cross tomorrow afternoon. The Continentals will have some extra help this weekend with the return of assistant captain Gary Heenan'97 who suffered a broken arm against Wesleyan and has been out of action for over four weeks. Since his injury, Gary has been on a strict conditioning program in order to prepare him for his needed return.

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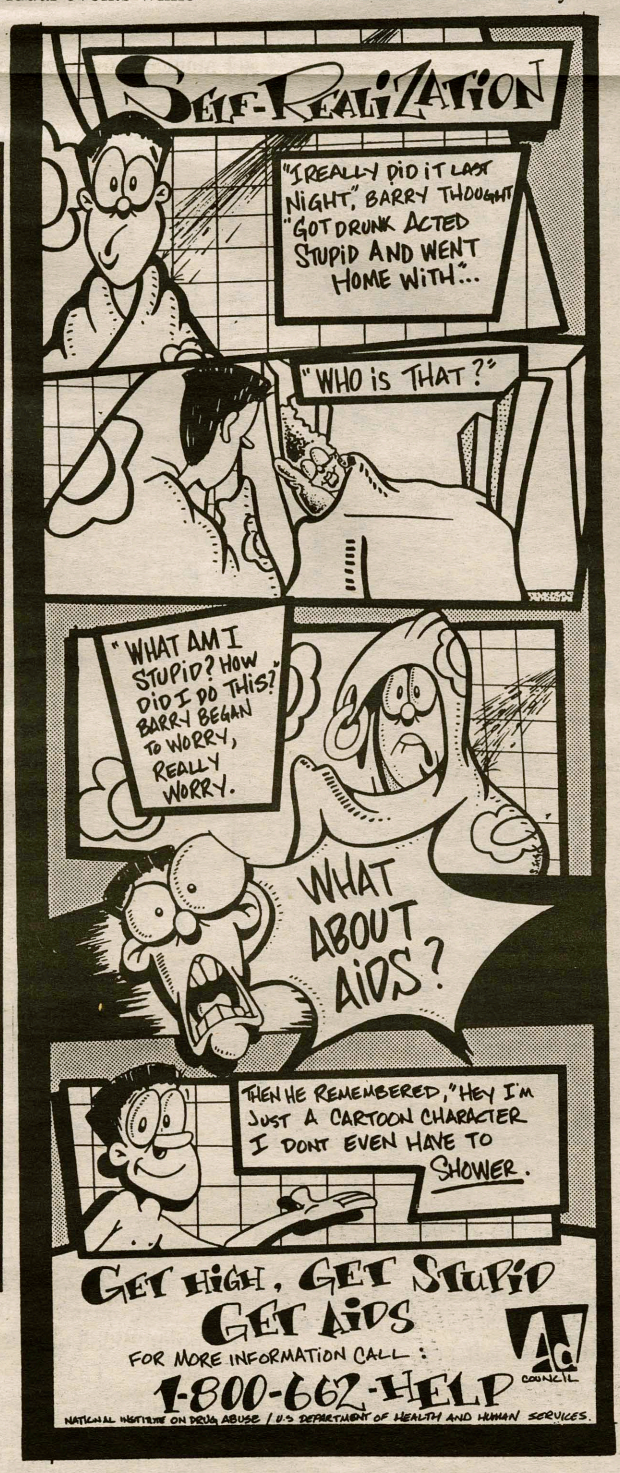
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Hamilton swimmers ready for state championships

By Christopher Leahy '99
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton swimming and diving teams put in solid performances in the final dual meets of the season to place themselves in direct contention for state crowns. The back to back meets with Union and RPI served as both an opportunity to hone racing skills and to appraise conference rivals. While victories over RPI were tempered by narrow losses to rival Union, Head Coach Dave Thompson felt Hamilton's performance against Union demonstrated the vulnerability of Hamilton's chief opponents, and the rising strength of Hamilton swimming.

Before the Union meet began, the crowd at Bristol pool paid tribute to the fourteen graduating seniors in a pre-meet ceremony that left both teams ready for action.

The men's team saw its times begin to drop across the board as a more rested squad realized its potential. The meet began with the most exciting finish at the Bristol pool this season, as the 400 medley relay squad of Matt Hawkins '97, Mike Ogurick '00, Tommy Liem '98, and co-captain Judd Taylor '97 faced off against a tough Union team. Slightly down after the first two swimmers, Liem's blistering butterfly leg brought the Conts even and Taylor's fast split in the freestyle edged Union by a scant .20 seconds.

DJ Postles '00 was the only individual winner for Hamilton, taking the 500 and 1000 freestyles and snagging third in the 200 free. Liem,(2nd/50 free, 3rd/200 fly) Adam Bushnoe '99, (3rd/200 free, 2nd/200 fly) and Andrew Wintermuth '98 (2nd/200 IM, 2nd/100 free) were solid performers throughout the meet. Taylor and Hawkins earned valuable points in the freestyle sprints, while the breaststroke trio of co-captain Mark

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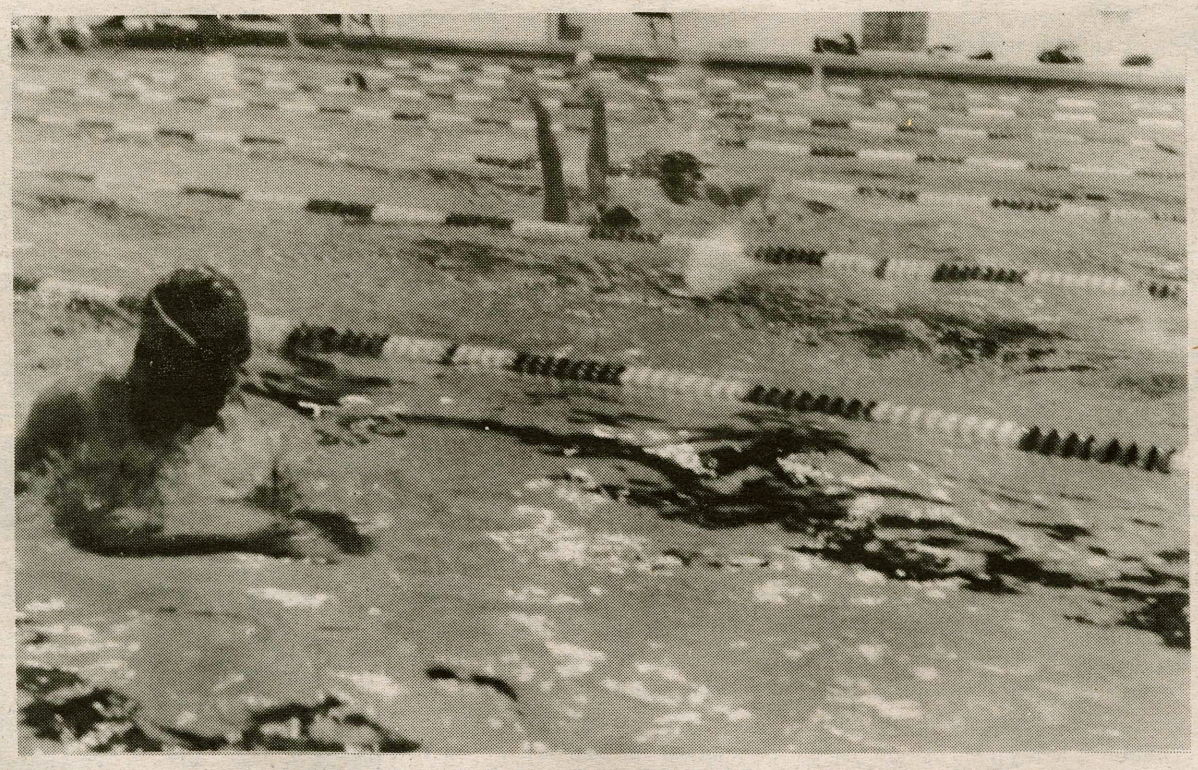

Intensity is high in these the final weeks of specialized training. PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUSS '00

Men's Hockey wins on the road and rises to third place in ECAC

Now only two points out of first place, every practice counts. PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

By Dave Andreatta '97
SPORTS WRITER

The Continentals capped another successful two-game weekend road trip with consecutive wins over Southern Maine and Salem State, both by a score of 5-1. The identical wins improve Hamilton's overall record to 15-4-1, and bumped the school up to third place in the ECAC East behind Norwich and Middlebury with first place just two points out of reach. The wins, however, surprisingly dropped the Continentals to sixth in the NCAA East Division III Hockey Poll behind five-time losers Elmira.

With just two weeks remaining in the regular season, there is no guarantee who will finish first in the ECAC East or the national ranking. The East is so competitive that the spread between second and fifth place is only five points. With upset wins in the four games left, and uncharacteristic losses by top-notch squads, a team currently fighting for a playoff spot could end up in first. As for the national poll, Hamilton is ranked sixth but is only two wins short of an identical record to number one ranked Plattsburgh.

With teams that are so equal in strength throughout the league and the division, there is never any telling who will pull out of a match with a victory. Despite a poor record of 3-16-0, the Southern Maine Huskies were on their way to legitimizing this hypothetical after the first twenty minutes of play in last Friday night's contest. Facing one of, if not the biggest powerhouse in the league, the Southern Maine Huskies surprised even themselves when they held a 1-0 lead over Hamilton at the end of the first period.

The Huskies struck first in the game with a goal by Derek Merril just 30 seconds into the game. The early lead filled the Huskies with hope and the Continentals with a bit of fear. Regardless, the Continentals bit the Huskies back in the second. Chris Baudo'00 opened the scoring for Hamilton with a shot from the left side of the Huskies defensive zone at 18:09 of the period. Rob Rigg'99 and Brian Grady'00 earned assists on the play.

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Men's hoops home from successful road trip

By David Sylofski '97
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton (11-8) recovered from a mid-season slump this past week with two convincing league wins. More importantly, the team showed the deadeye shooting and fierce rebounding typical of its early season success. The Conts look to continue this trend over the course of an upcoming four-game homestand.

Last Friday, Hamilton visited the lowly Rensselaer Engineers for a game in a building which resembled an airplane hangar more so than a gymnasium. Once again, the Conts jetted to an early lead which they would never relinquish. Mike Schantz '99 led the way to a 48-36 halftime lead with nine points. Unfortunately, on Rensselaer's first possession of the second half Schantz picked up three quick fouls and found a spot on the bench for the remainder of the game. Undaunted by the loss of their leading scorer and rebounder, the crafty Continentals rallied behind big J. J. Raedts '97 and point guard Max Stroman '99. Stroman's pregame shooting adjustments paid off as he hit on four three-pointers. Raedts continued his domination of UCAA centers despite suffering a mild concussion midway through the half. In a supporting role, Kevin Thorpe '98 hit three treys and kept Hamilton possessions alive with five opportunistic rebounds on the offensive end. The Conts cruised the rest of the way to an 89-77 win.

Stroman led all scorers with 21 points aided by 7-8 from the charity stripe. The ultra-reliable Kevin Larson '97 contributed 18 points despite playing with a badly bruised foot. Thorpe added 16 points and ten rebounds while Raedts hit for 15 points and ten rebounds.

The following day, Hamilton traveled to Boston to play the Tufts Jumbos. Again, in addition to a formidable opponent, an ancient gym and evil referees stood in their way. Tufts jumped out to an early 27-21 lead before the Continental rally began. The Jumbos could not contain Raedts as the Euro-bruiser manhandled opponents while powering his way to easy first-half layups. Hamilton took the lead midway through the half en route to a 38-34 halftime cushion.

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Women's Basketball
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